

# はじめの一歩

THE FIGHTING!

BOTH  
FIGHTERS  
MOVE  
TO CENTER  
RING AND  
TOUCH  
GLOVES!

AND THE  
STARTING GUN  
FOR THE MATCH  
HAS NOW BEEN  
FIRED!!

IF HE GETS HIT BEFORE HE WARMS UP, IT'LL MESS HIM UP.

CAN'T BLAME HIM, BUT HE LOOKS KIND OF STIFF.

IF I CAN DODGE THE FIRST SHOT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RELAX A LITTLE.

**FOCUS!**  
FIRST I HAVE TO RELAX AND WATCH HIS ENTIRE BODY.

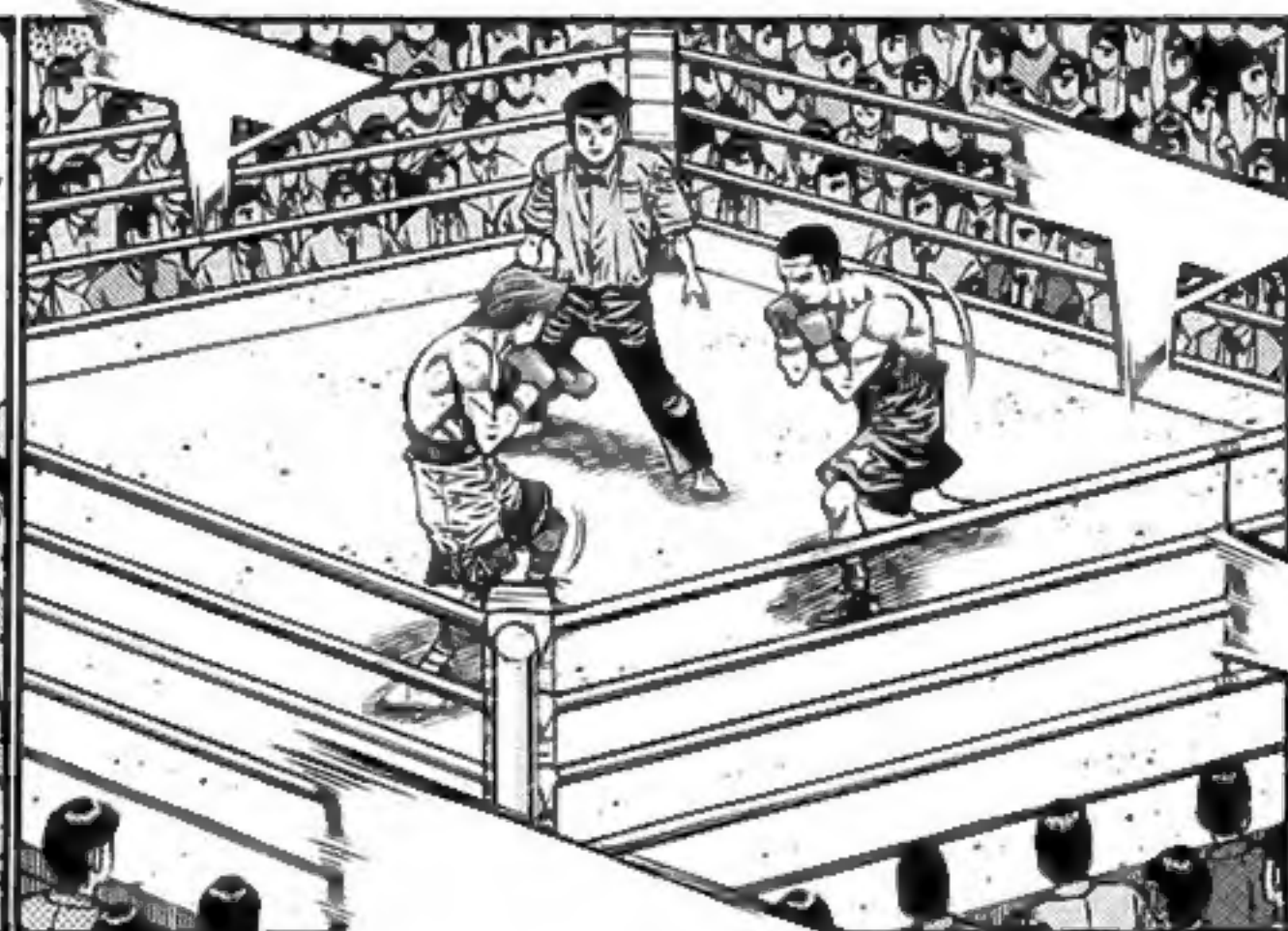
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON HIM!

CAREFUL OF THAT FIRST SHOT!

HE NEEDS TO FOCUS ON MOVING AROUND TO MAKE HOSHI MISS PUNCHES!

HE'S THE TYPE TO BUILD UP HIS RHYTHM WHILE DODGING.

**M  
O  
V  
E  
!!**  
TOO CLOSE ITAGAKI! MOVE FURTHER AWAY!







POW!!!



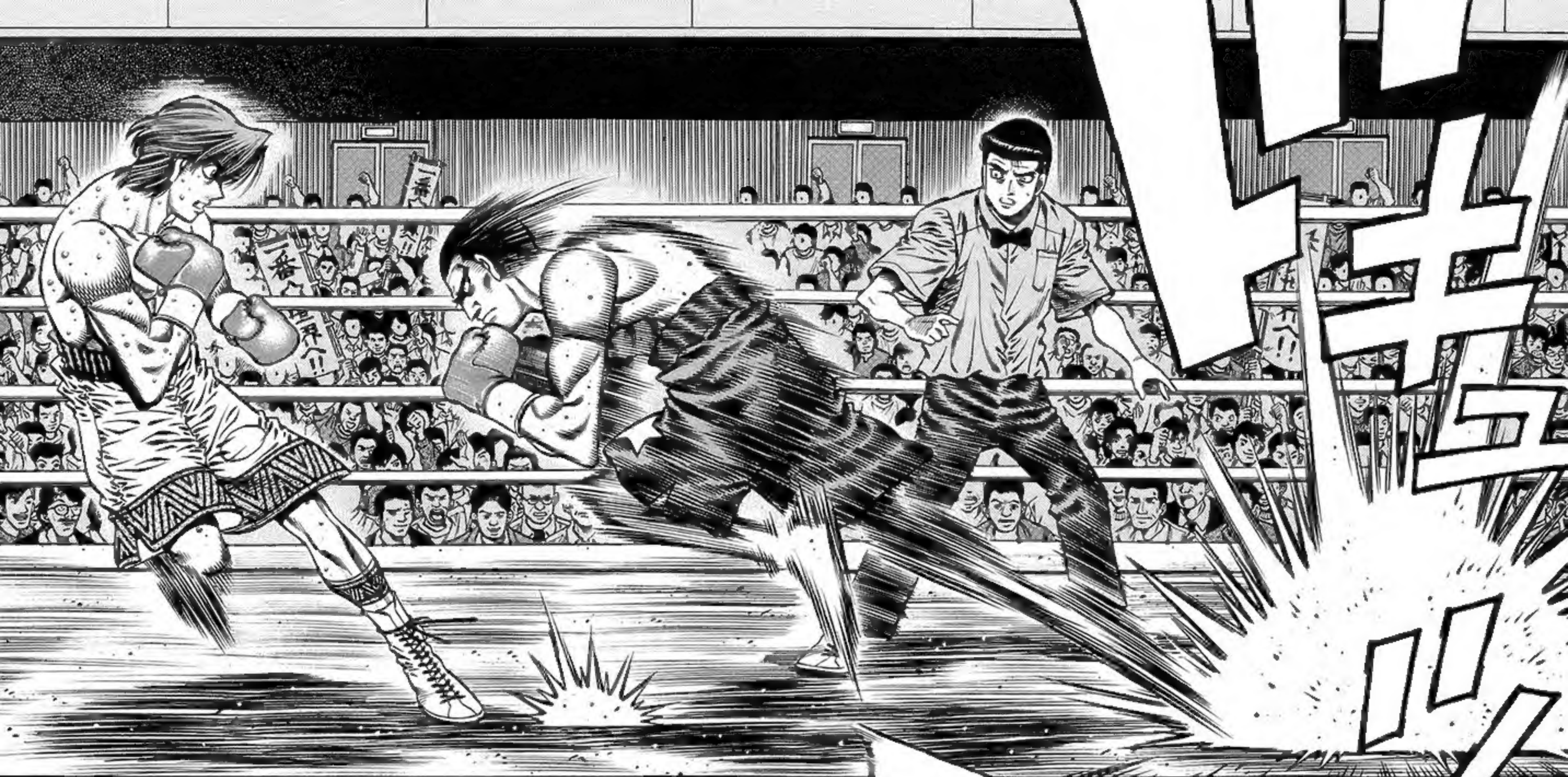
POW!!!



NOW STAY  
INSIDE  
OF YOUR  
BEST  
RANGE!!

ALRIGHT,  
HE'S  
ON THE  
MOVE!





TOO LATE!!



AH!

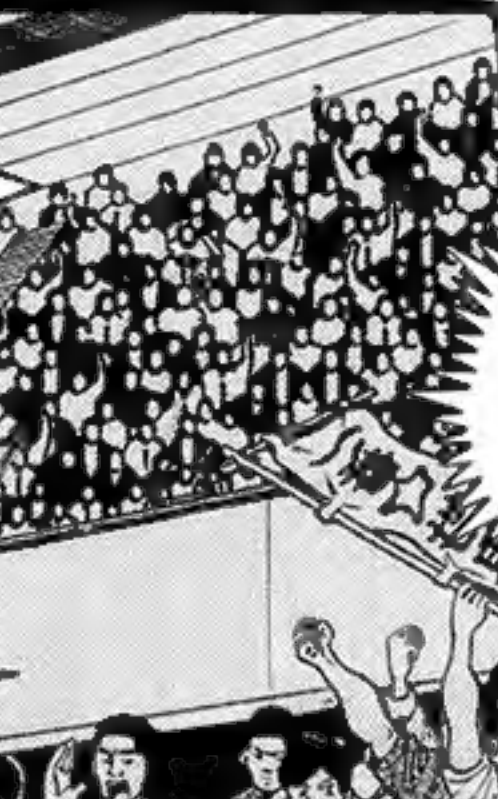
HE'S...



AT THE SAME  
MOMENT  
HOSHI  
STEPS IN-  
WARD!!



DON'T  
LET HIM  
GET  
AWAY!



THERE  
HE  
GOES!



WHOA,  
ITAGAKI  
TAKES  
A STEP  
BACK!







IT'S  
THIS  
RIGHT!

TAKE  
A GOOD  
LOOK,  
MAKU-  
NOLCHI!



MA-  
NABU-  
KUN!!

...





MOVE  
IIIIITT!



ONE  
SHOT!

IT'S  
OVER  
WITH!

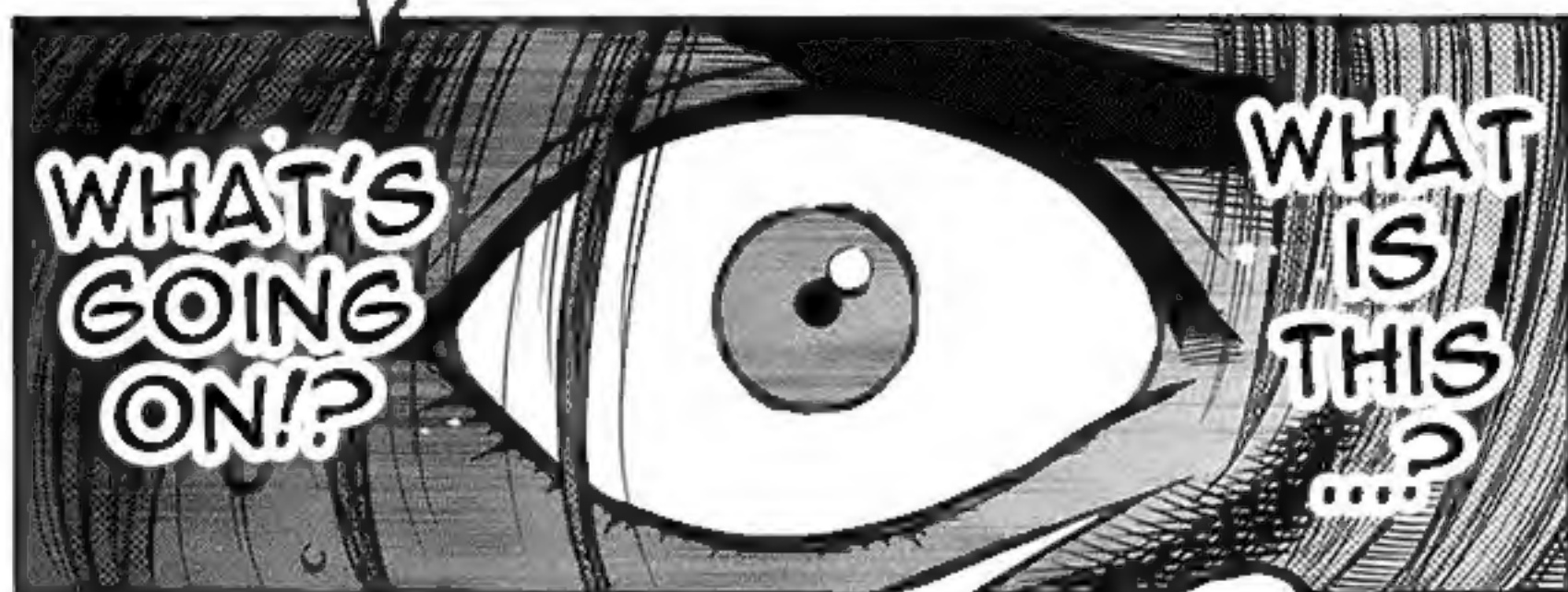
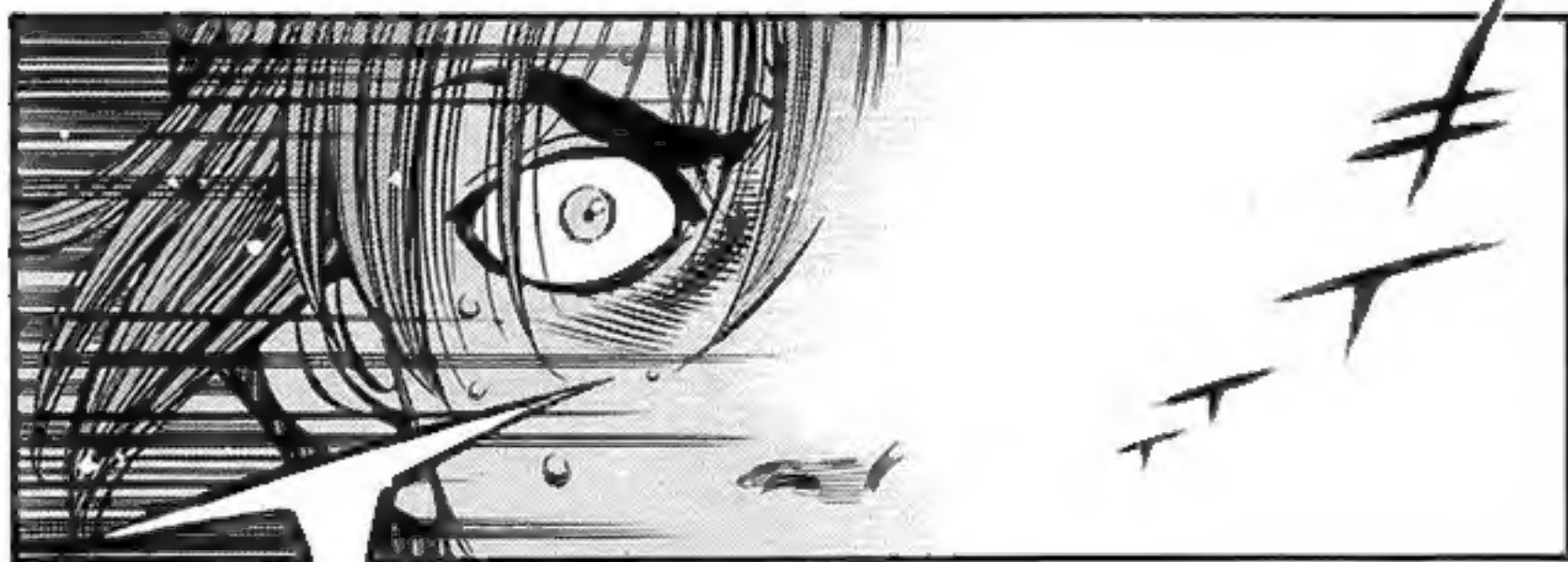


DON'T  
JUST  
STAND  
THERE!

UWAAA,  
DUMB  
ASS!!







WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON!?

WHAT  
IS  
THIS  
...?



WHY IS HE...  
WHY IS HE  
STOPPED!?



WHY ISN'T HE  
MOVING?



IT SHOULD  
BE STARTED  
ALREADY.



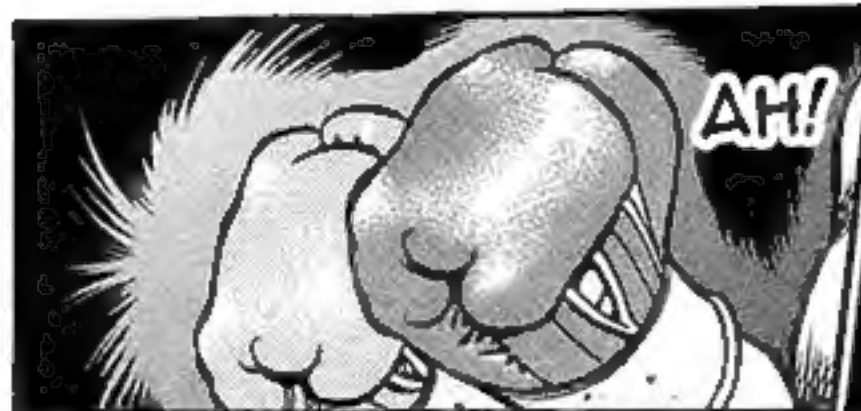
THE  
BELL  
DID  
RING!

HAS THE  
MATCH NOT  
STARTED  
YET?

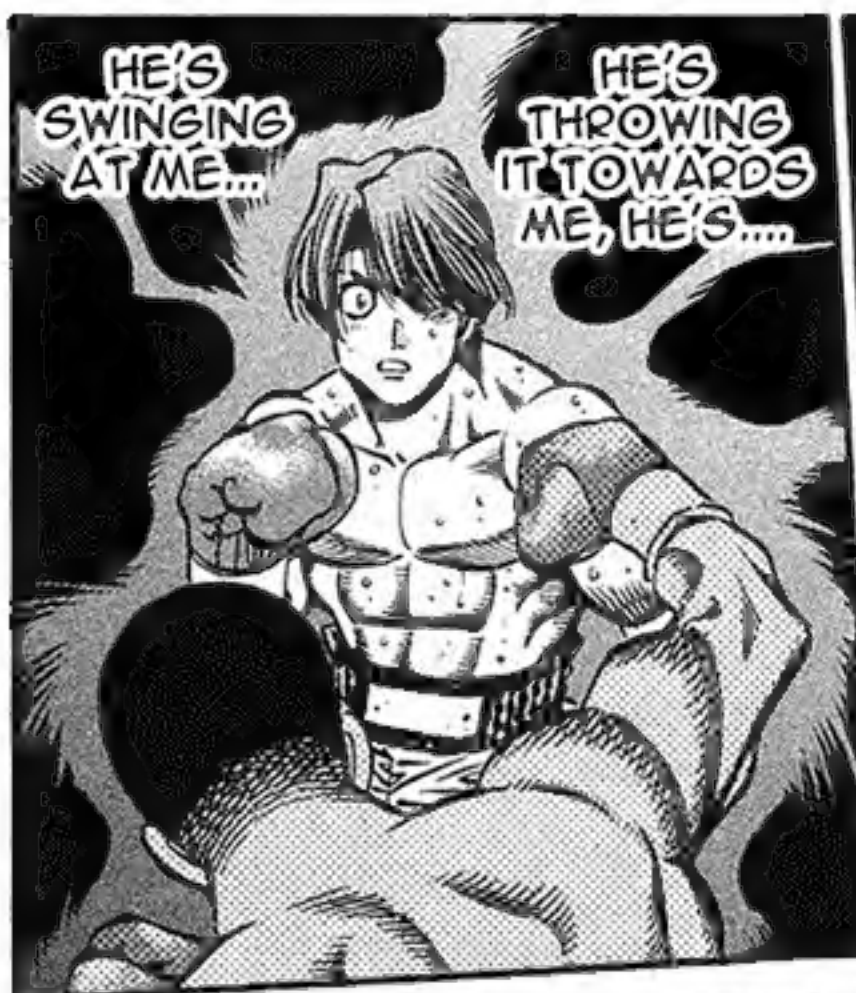


AH!

NO...

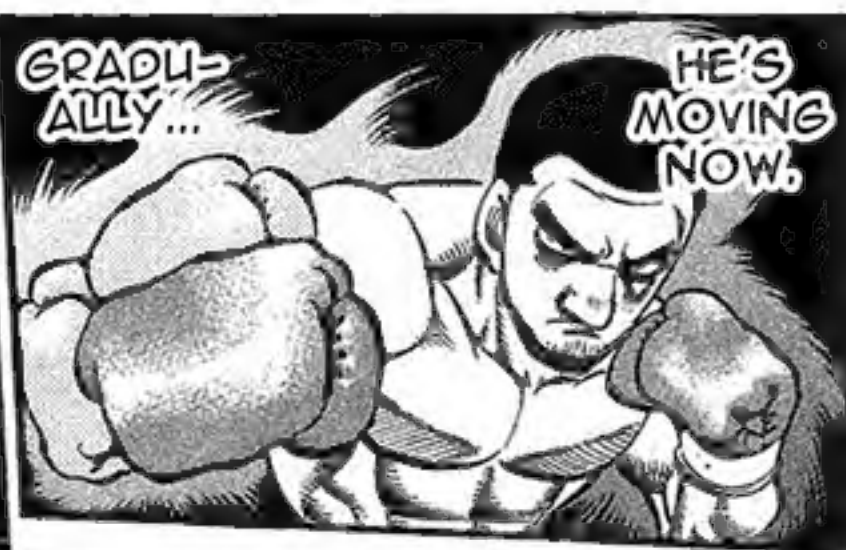






HE'S  
SWINGING  
AT ME...

HE'S  
THROWING  
IT TOWARDS  
ME, HE'S...

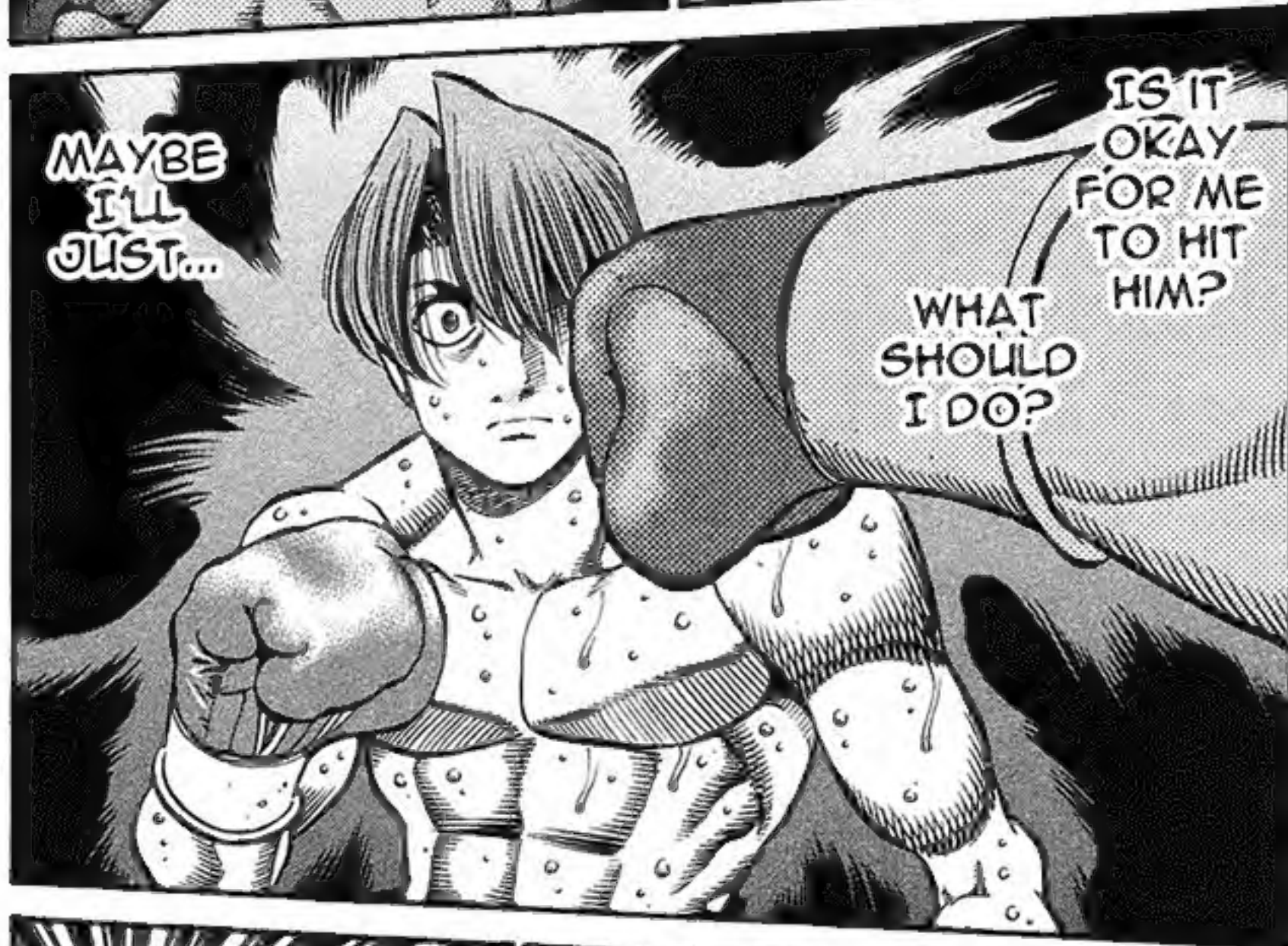
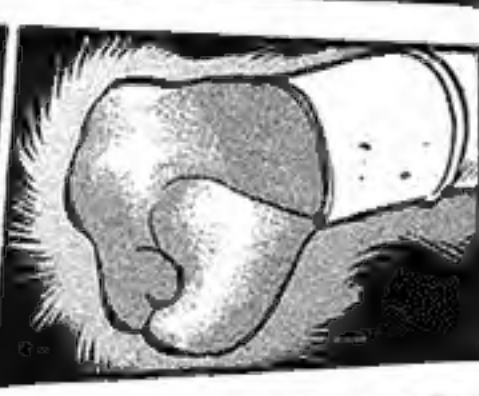


GRADU-  
ALLY...

HE'S  
MOVING  
NOW.



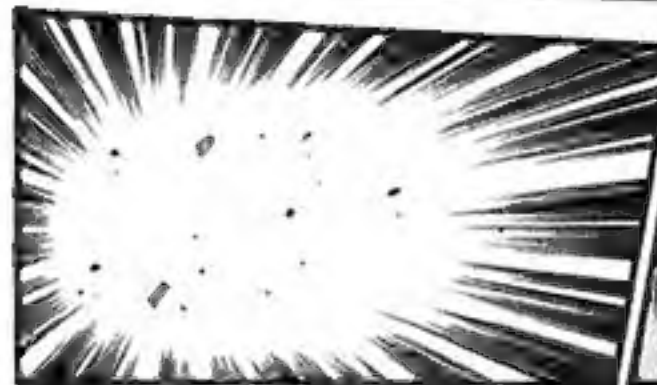
HIS  
RIGHT  
IS...



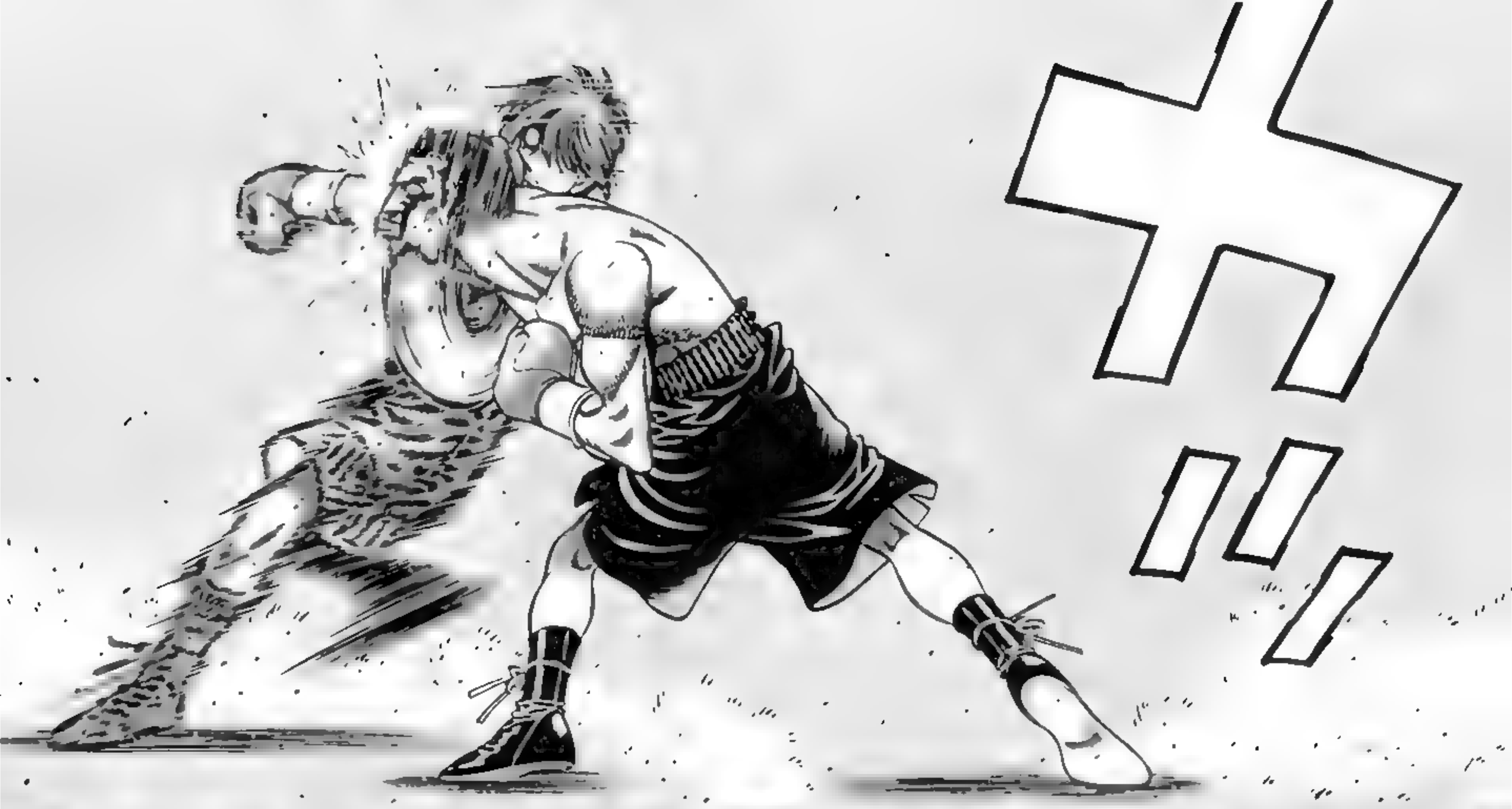
MAYBE  
I'LL  
JUST...

IS IT  
OKAY  
FOR ME  
TO HIT  
HIM?

WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?



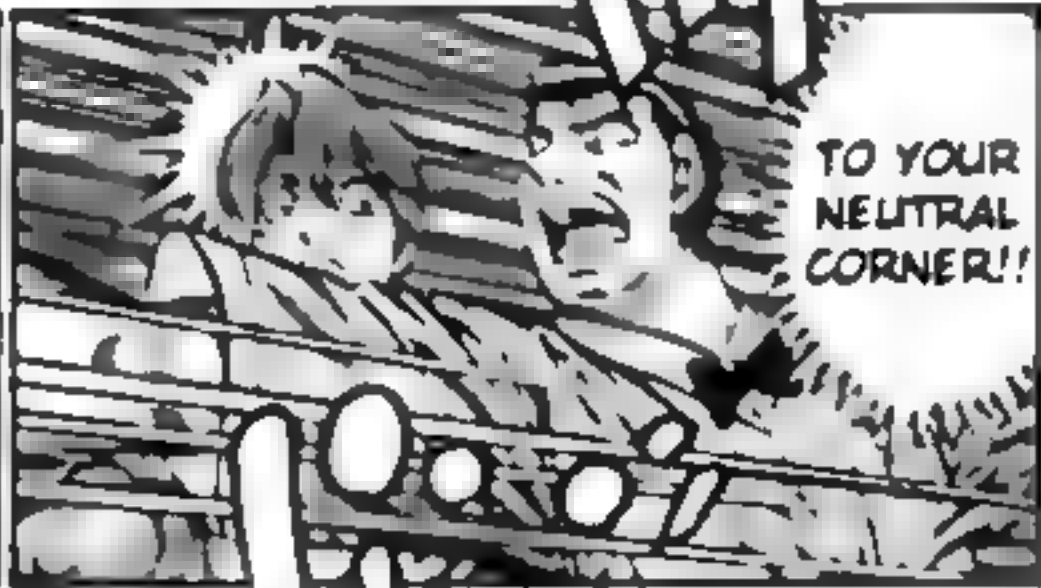








HUH  
....!?



TO YOUR  
NEUTRAL  
CORNER!!





WHOOA,  
IT'S A  
DOOOOW-  
WNNN!!

W-WAS  
THAT A  
COUNTER  
...!?

HOSHI  
WAS ON THE  
ATTACK WHEN  
HE SUDDENLY  
DOVE INTO  
THE MAT!

THAT  
WAS  
SO...  
EASY.

I  
DIDN'T  
EVEN  
SEE IT!

WHAT  
THE HELL  
DID HE  
DO!?

WHAT  
WAS  
THAT!?

WHAT  
DOES  
THIS  
MEAN!?



AND A COUNT  
BEGINS FOR  
WEST JAPAN'S  
CONTENDER  
WHO LAYS  
BEFORE HIM!

HOW  
INCREDIBLY  
SHARP!  
IS THIS THE  
TRUE POWER  
OF EAST  
JAPAN'S  
REPRESENT-  
ATIVE!?

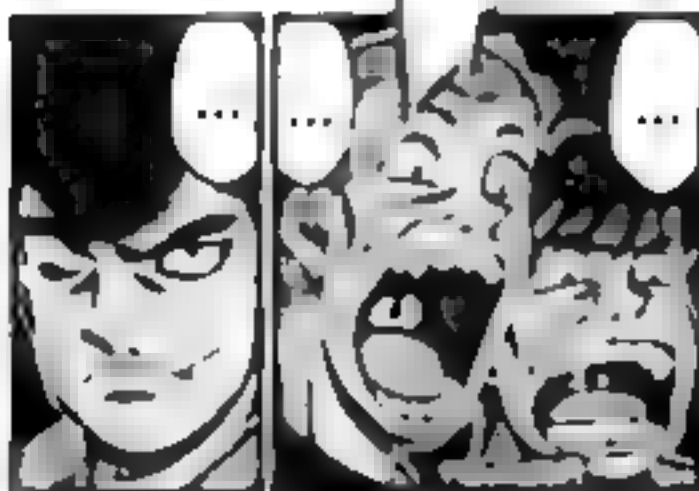
2  
!!

3  
!!

4  
!!

WILL THE  
CURTAIN  
FALL  
SECONDS  
AFTER  
RISING!?

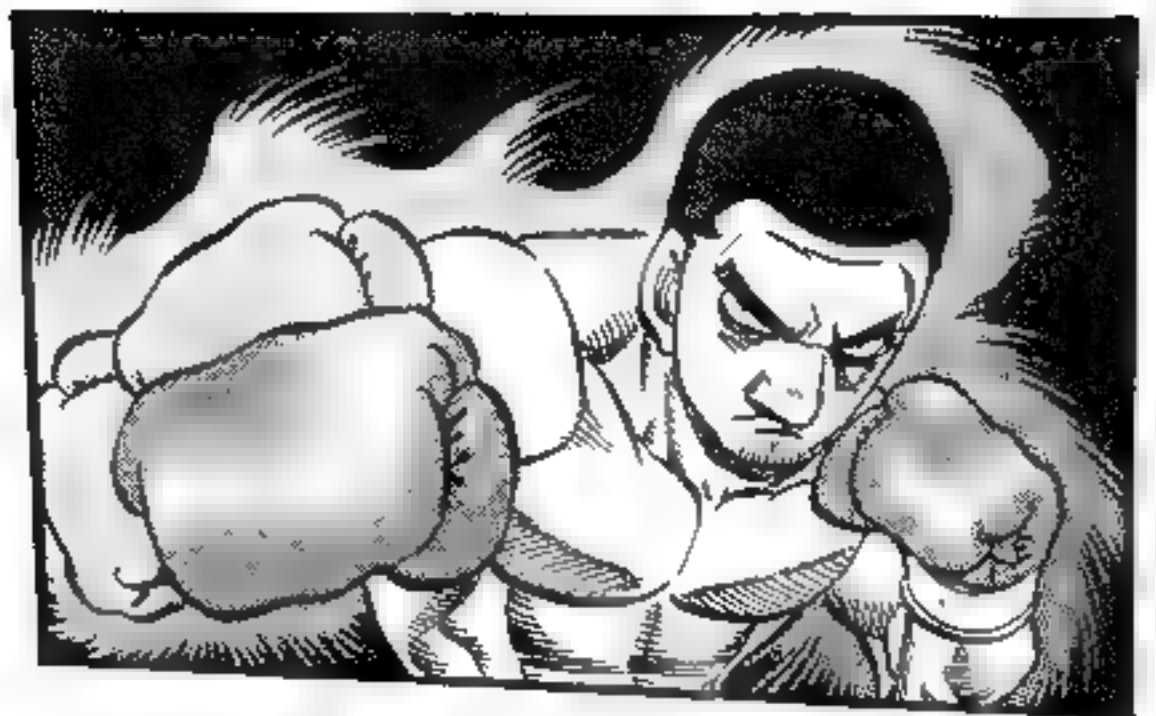
BUT WILL  
THE FIGHT  
END LIKE  
THIS!?



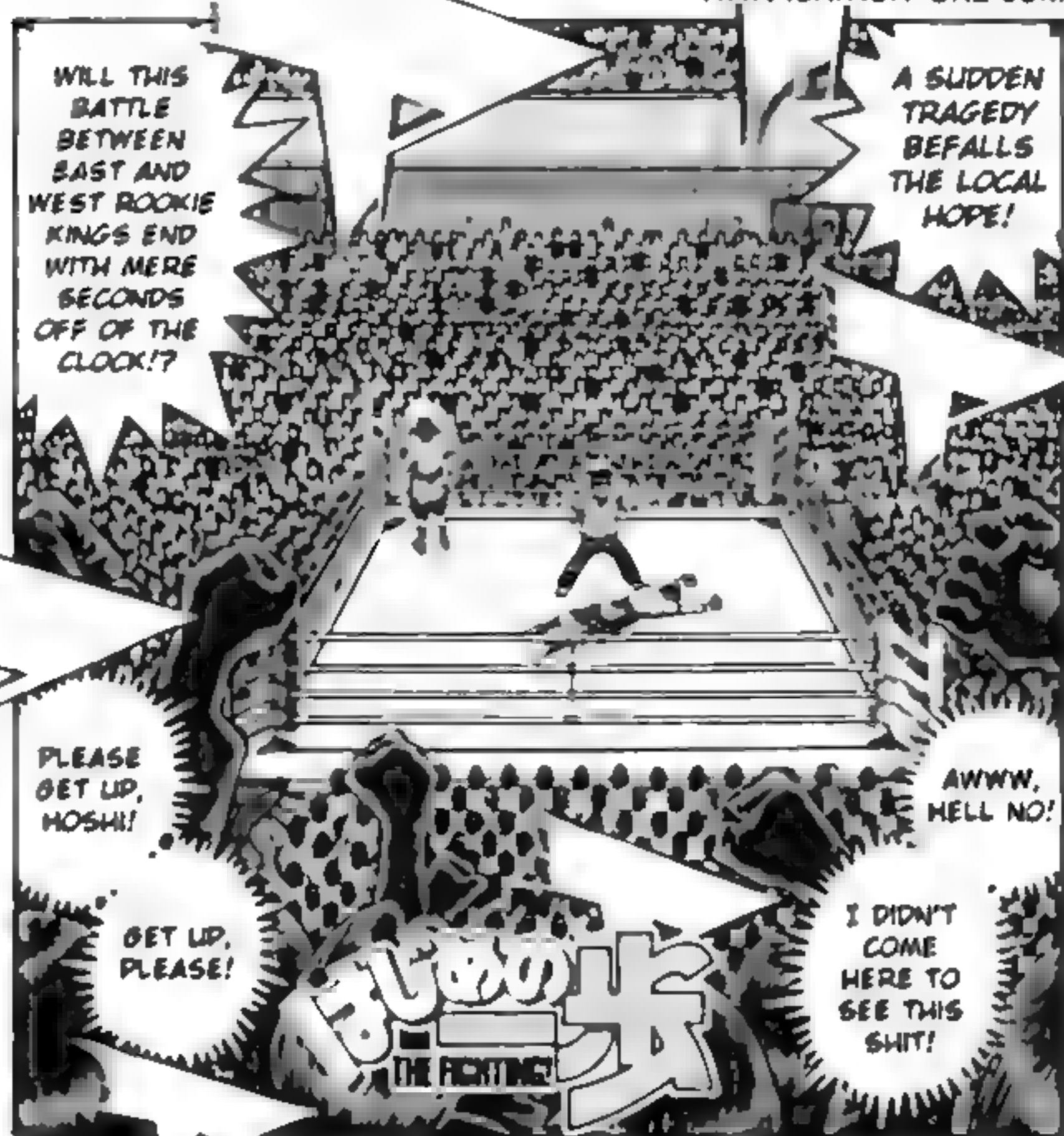




# はじめる一歩









THIS IS  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
REALLY  
CAPABLE  
OF!!

I'D SAY  
IT'S ONLY  
NATURAL!

DO YOU  
REALIZE  
IT, NOW!  
ITAGAKI?



BUT  
IF YOU  
WERE  
TO ASK  
ME

ITAGAKI  
SEEMS  
JUST AS  
SURPRISED  
AS ANY-  
ONE,



I  
GET  
IT...

IT'S  
NOT THAT  
HE DIDN'T  
MOVE!  
HE JUST  
SEEMED  
LIKE HE  
WASN'T!



I  
GET  
IT!!



7  
!!



YOU  
CAN'T LET  
IT END AT  
THIS!

UWAAA  
GET UP  
NOW!

YOU'D  
BETTER  
GIVE ME  
MY MONEY  
BACK!



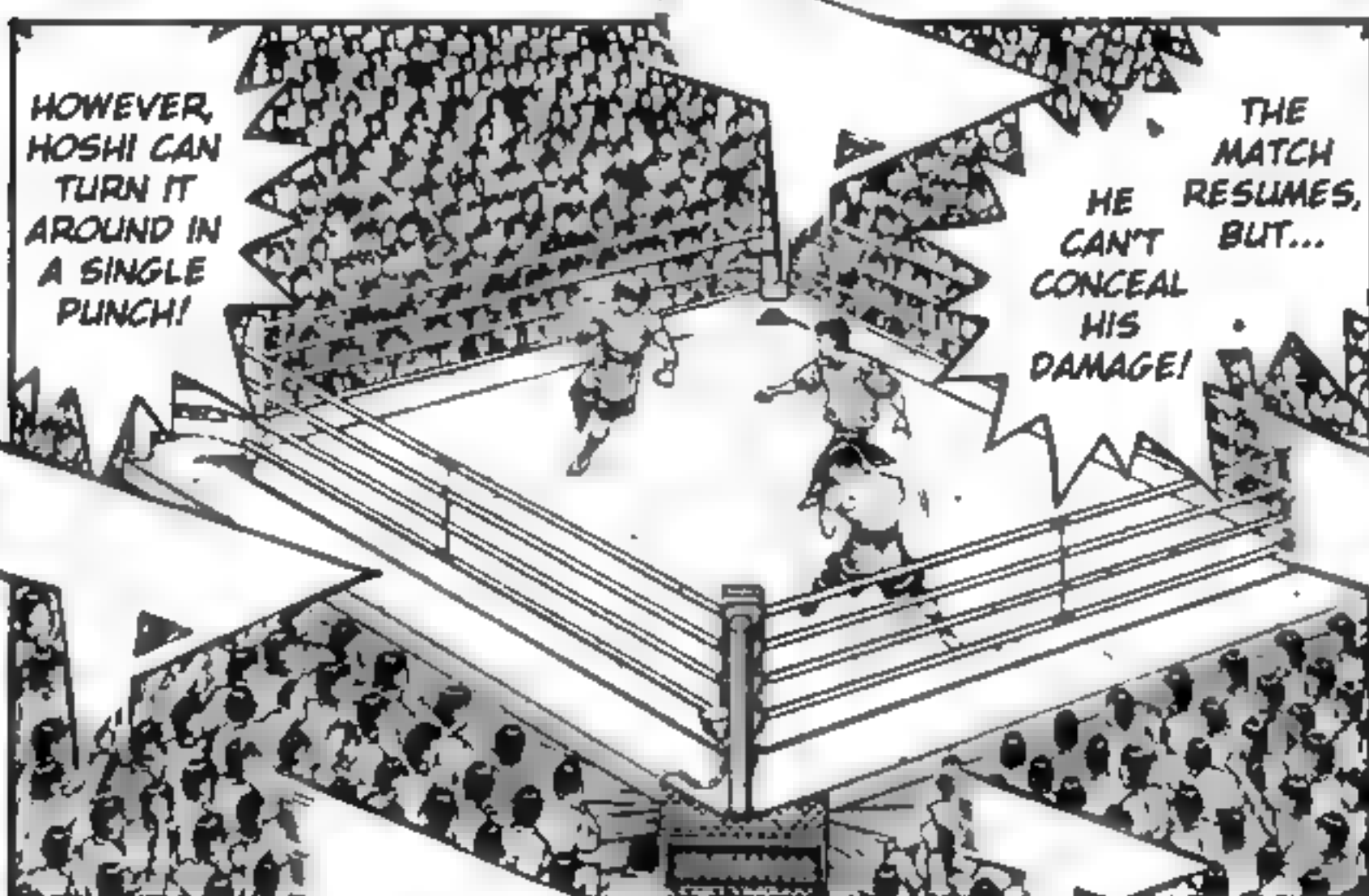
6  
!!



HOSHI  
BEGINS  
TO RISE  
UP!!

AHHHH!  
BUT THE  
HOME TEAM  
SHOWS ITS  
DETERMINATION!















WHOOAA,  
HE'S ABLE  
TO REVIVE  
HIS SHAKY  
LEGS WITH  
A SINGLE,  
SOLID HIT!

AND NOW  
HE DASHES  
TOWARDS  
ITAGAKI!!!

I'M  
HEADIN'  
STRAIGHT  
FOR IT!

I AIN'T  
WATIN'  
NO CHEAD FOR MY  
TRICKS DAMAGE  
HERE! TO RE-  
COVER

GOOD,  
GO GET  
HIM!

JUST  
A LITTLE  
BIT MORE  
THAN ME

MAK-  
NOUCHI  
REALLY THAT  
STRONG?

CLEAN  
HIS  
CLOCK!



MAKU-  
NOUCHI  
IPPO!

I'M LOOKIN'  
FOR PEOPLE  
WHO CAN  
PUT THEIR  
MANHOOD  
ON THE LINE  
IN A TRUE  
FIGHT.



RIGHT  
NOW,  
YOU  
DON'T  
STAND  
A CHA-  
NCE!







AND  
NOW A  
RIGHT!

THE  
CANNON-  
BALL  
BREEZES  
BY...



HE GETS  
HIT WITH  
THAT...

AND HIS  
NECK IS  
GONNA  
BREAK!



YOU'RE  
GETTING  
INTO IT,  
LET HIM  
HAVE IT!

SO  
CLOSE,  
JUST A  
LITTLE  
MORE!



DON'T  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
HIM!

YOUR  
GUARD  
IS TOO  
LOW!

BRING IT  
UP SOME  
MORE!



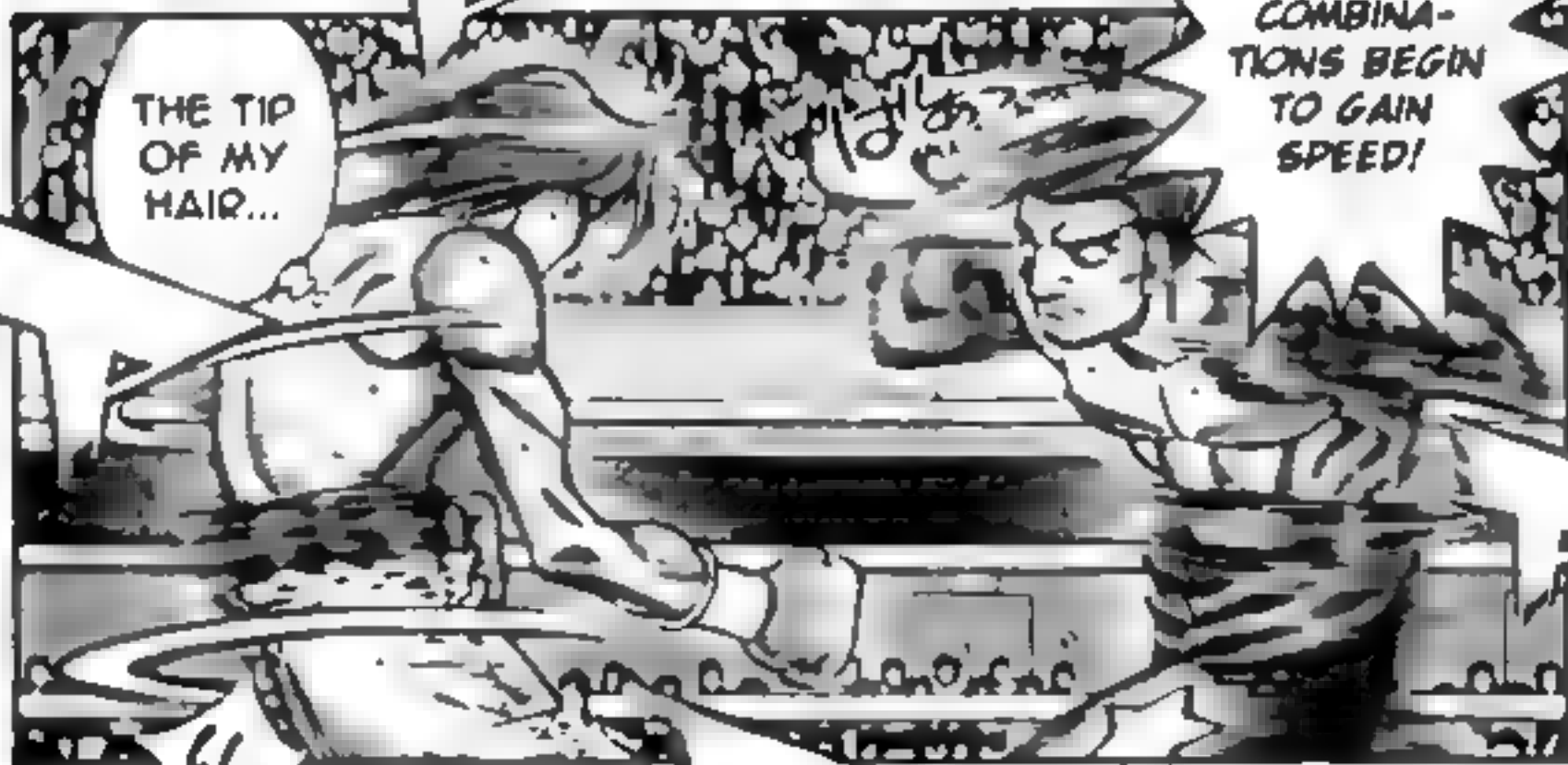
BUT  
HOSHI IS  
IN HOT  
PURSUIT



TEN  
CENTI-  
METERS

BUT  
I CAN  
LET  
HIM  
GET  
EVEN  
CLO-  
SER  
STILL

FIVE  
NOW



THE TIP  
OF MY  
HAIR...

AND HIS  
COMBINA-  
TIONS BEGIN  
TO GAIN  
SPEED!





LET HIM BRUSH IT...



TOTALLY ENJOYING HIMSELF

HE'S ...

SO CLOSE!

AH — HH

DON'T FREAK US OUT!

TOO CLOSE!



MY LIMIT THEN!?

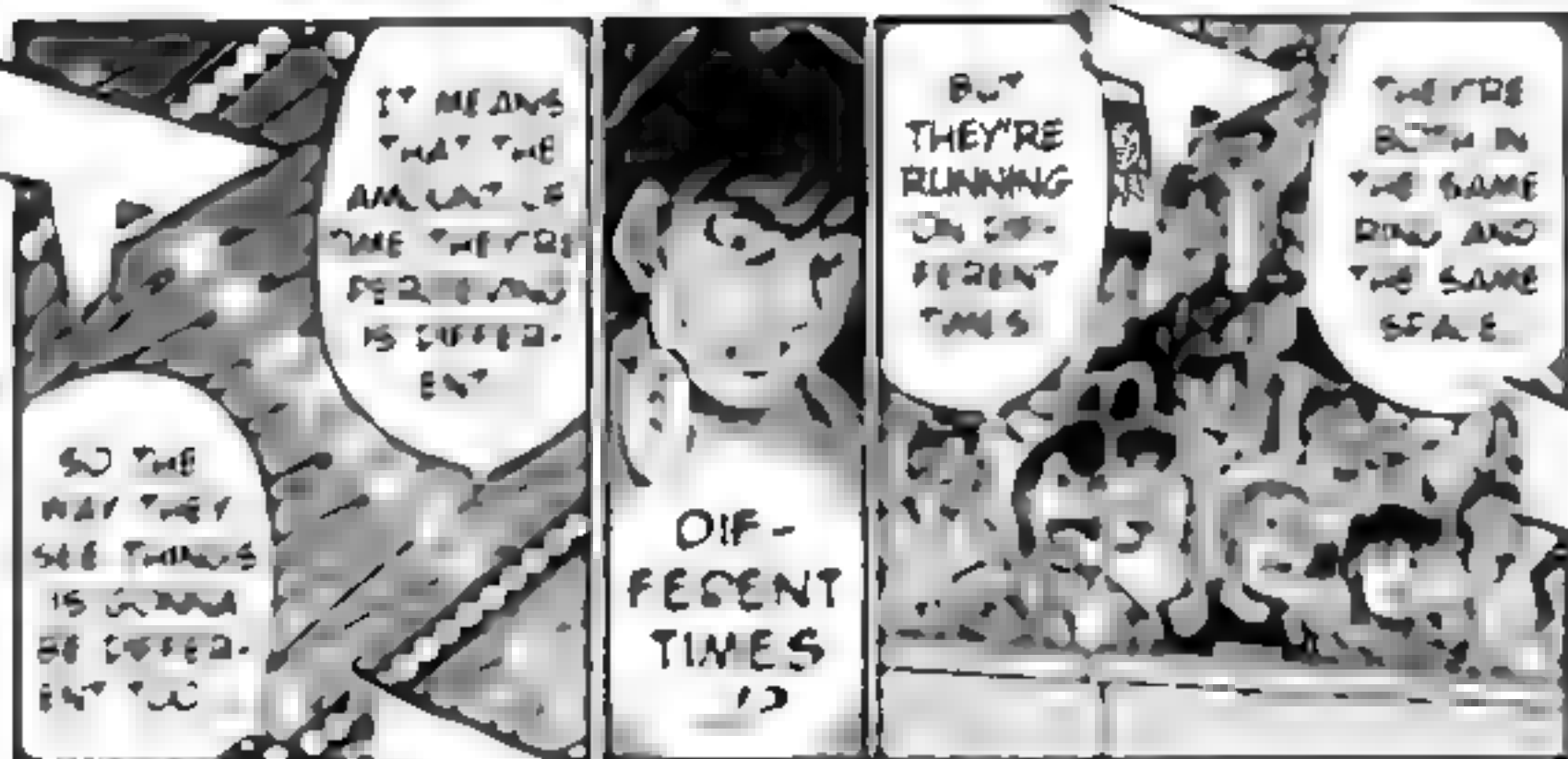
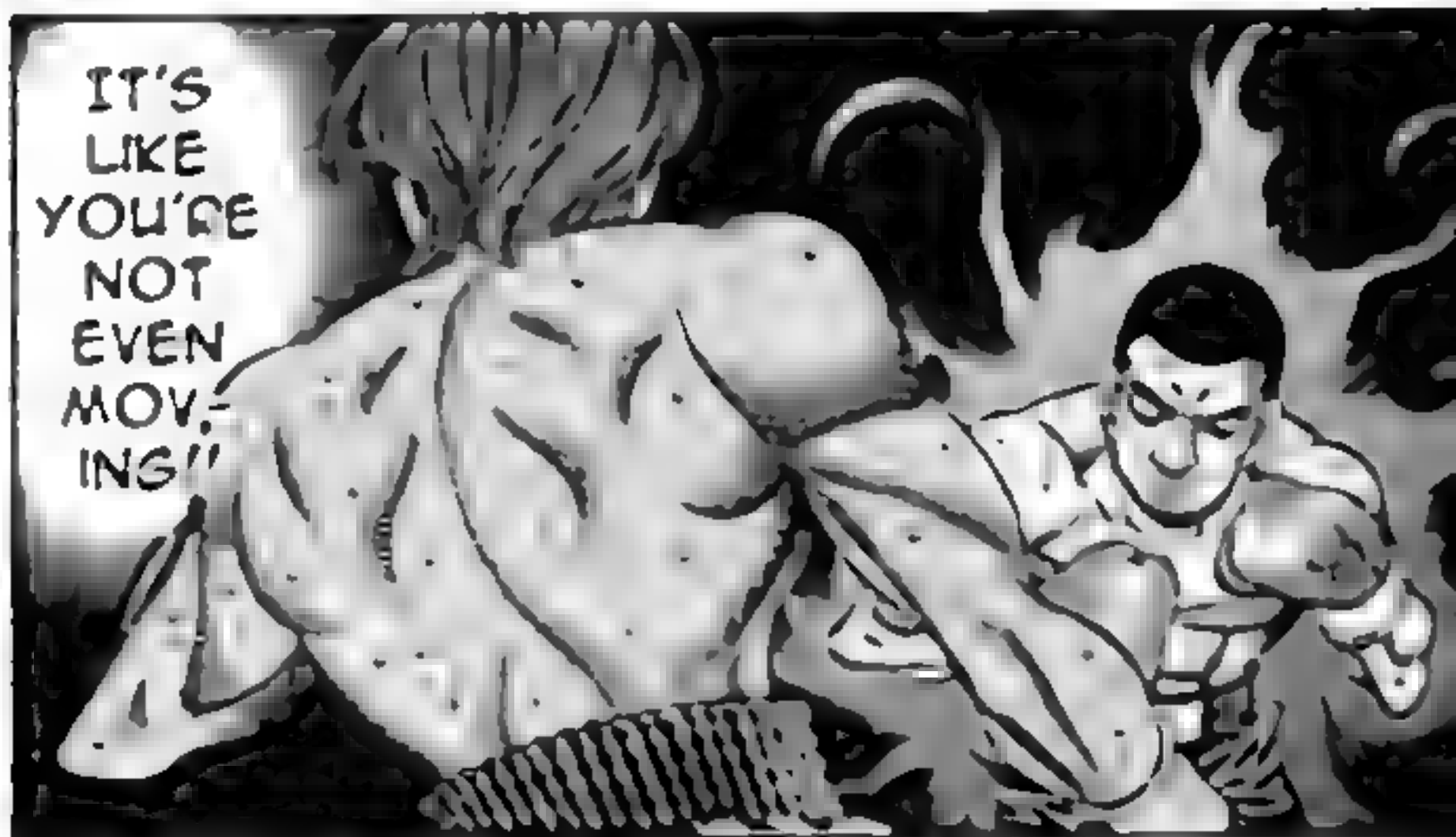
IS THIS



ENJOYING ...



HIMSELF?







HE'S NOT  
FEELING HIS  
DAMAGE FROM  
MOMENTS AGO  
ANYMORE!

THE FEROCITY  
OF HOSHI'S  
OFFENSIVE  
CONTINUES TO  
SWELL!

HE'S  
...

HE'S  
BARELY  
DODGING  
AS IT  
IS!!

A SINGLE  
SHOT CAN  
PROVE  
LETHAL!

ITAGAKI  
[SEES]  
HOSHI AS  
BEING THAT  
SLOW?

SO  
RIGHT  
NOW

I CAN  
SEE ALL  
OF THE  
PUNCHES,  
BUT...

THE PEOPLE  
INSIDE THE  
CAR SEEM TO  
BE MOVING IN  
SUPER SLOW  
MOTION COM-  
PARED TO  
EVERYTHING  
OUTSIDE.

IT'S THE  
SAME WAY  
THAT THINGS  
LOOK WHEN  
SOMEONE'S  
INSIDE OF A  
HIGH SPEED  
VEHICLE.



IT WASN'T BECAUSE HE WAS IN BAD SHAPE!!

NO ...

I'LL THINK THAT I'VE DODGED IT, BUT...

MY TIMING'S ALL WRONG

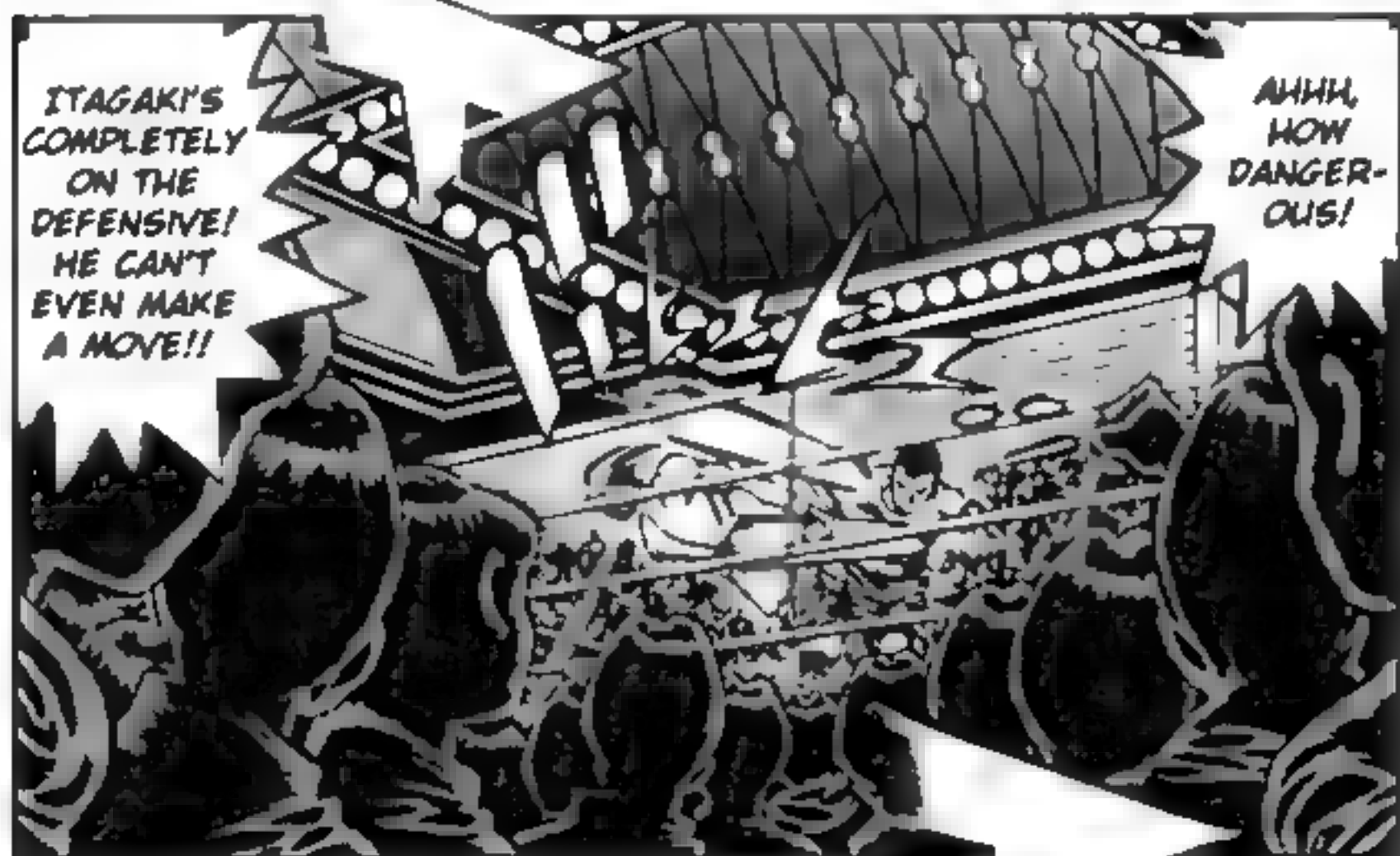
COULDN'T MATCH UP THE TIMING AGAINST HIS OPPONENT!

O

MANABUKUN WAS REACTING TOO FAST AND



ITAGAKI'S COMPLETELY ON THE DEFENSIVE! HE CAN'T EVEN MAKE A MOVE!!



AWHH, HOW DANGEROUS!



I GET IT NOW

IT'S LIKE HE'S LEONARD OR SOMETHING...



FUCK, CLOSER AND CLOSER STILL...

HE'S SEEN THROUGH HIM



SO CLOSE, SO CLOSE!

YOU'RE ALMOST HITTING HIM!



BY SOME  
ONE WITH  
EXTREMELY  
HIGH REFLEXES  
AND SPEED.

THESE KIND  
OF TECHNIQUES  
CAN ONLY BE  
ATTAINED

AH!

WHEN  
WAS IT?

I COULD  
HAVE HIT  
HIM TWO  
OR THREE  
TIMES  
THERE.

WHAT  
A WA-  
STE!

AND WHEN  
HE STARTED  
EMERGING  
FROM HIS  
SPARS WITH  
MASHIBA  
UNSCATHED,  
IT HELPED  
TO CONFIRM  
THAT...

THAT WAS  
WHEN I  
BEGAN TO  
REALIZE HIS  
POTENTIAL  
WAS BEING  
TAPPED INTO  
DURING THE  
MATCH.

AT  
THE  
ROO-  
KIE  
KING  
FIN-  
ALS.

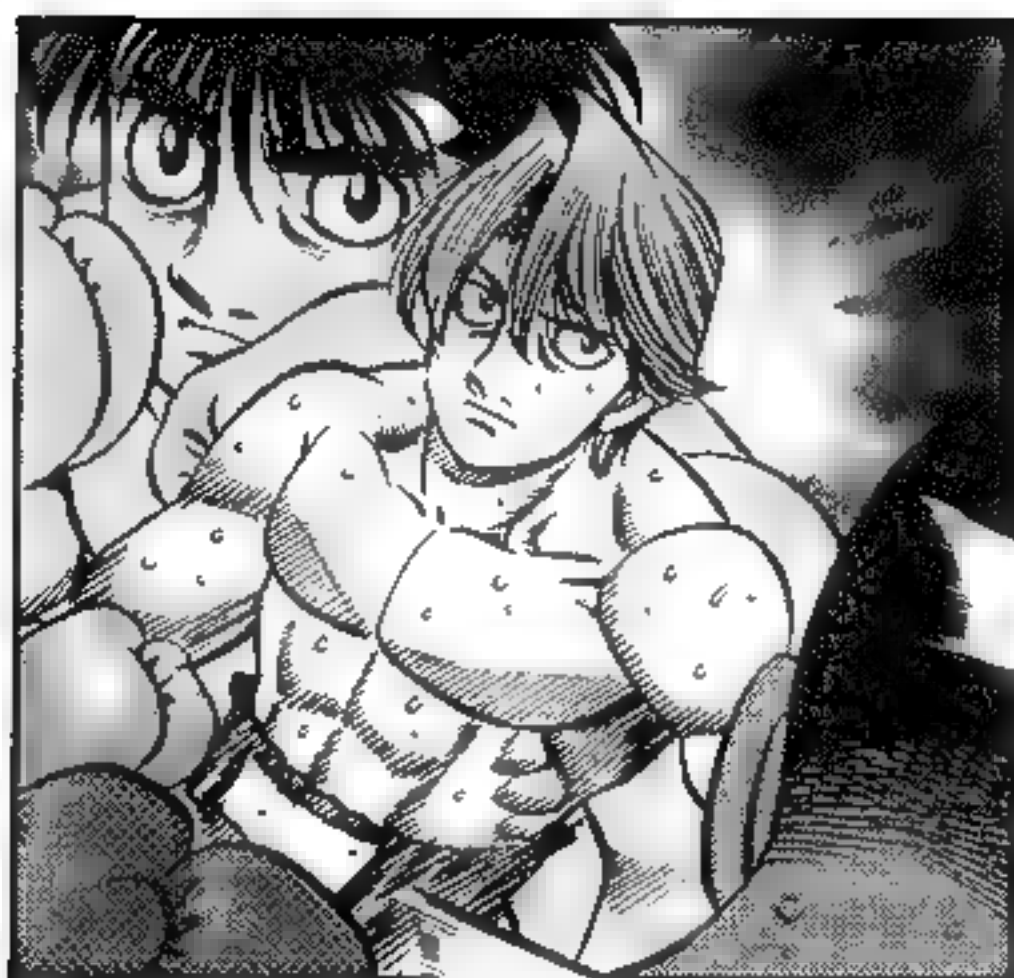
REALIZE  
WHAT WAS  
GOING  
ON WITH  
HIM!?

WHEN  
DID YOU

IS OUT  
OF THE  
BOTTLE!

THE  
GENIE...

# はじめての一步







THE  
GENIE...  
IS OUT  
OF THE  
BOTTLE!

# はじめての THE FIGHTING! 一歩



AND HE'S  
ALREADY  
THAT FAR  
AWAY  
FROM ME  
NOW...



HE  
TAPPED  
MY  
GLOVE  
IN MID-  
MOTION  
...

Round 716 *Withstand One Hit*

HE BELIEVED THAT WAS HIS LIMIT AND SO HE SUBCONSCIOUSLY PUT A CORK IN IT AND BOTTLED AWAY HIS TRUE ABILITIES.

DURING HIS SCHOOL DAYS, HE WAS BEATEN REPEATEDLY BY A PARTICULAR PERSON AND LOST ALL HIS CONFIDENCE.

I BELIEVE ITAGAKI'S BEEN CAPABLE OF THIS THE WHOLE TIME, BUT

AND, SINCE HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT, HE WASN'T ABLE TO CONTROL IT YET.

THE SUDDEN ONSET OF THIS ABILITY PROBABLY CAME AS A SHOCK

AND NOW THAT CORK IS GONE!

SO HE BEAT IMAI KYOSUKE, REGAINED HIS CONFIDENCE,

THE EXTREME AMOUNTS OF TENSION AND CONCENTRATION ARE WHAT FINALLY MADE HIM AWARE!

FIGHTING AWAY FROM HOME AGAINST A FIERCESOME OPPONENT LIKE HOSHI...

NO WONDER HE CONSIDERED QUITTING

I SEE ...

THIS COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED AT A BETTER TIME!

IT'D BE ENOUGH TO MAKE ANYONE FEEL GUILTY!

IF A FIGHTER LIKE THIS LOST,



SO CLOSE...

THAT WAS SO CLOSE!  
GOOO, HOSHI!

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT HE'S...

TCH!

A LITTLE BIT MORE...

JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE!  
COME ON, DO IT!!

...

MA-NABU-KUN...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I THROW MY PUNCH, I CAN'T EVER REACH HIM!!

NO WAY! DOES IT REALLY SEEM LIKE THAT!?

...

THIS GUY...

NOT AGAINST WHAT YOU'RE FACING NOW...

HOSHI... THERE'S NO DOUBT YOU'RE A STRONG ONE, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.



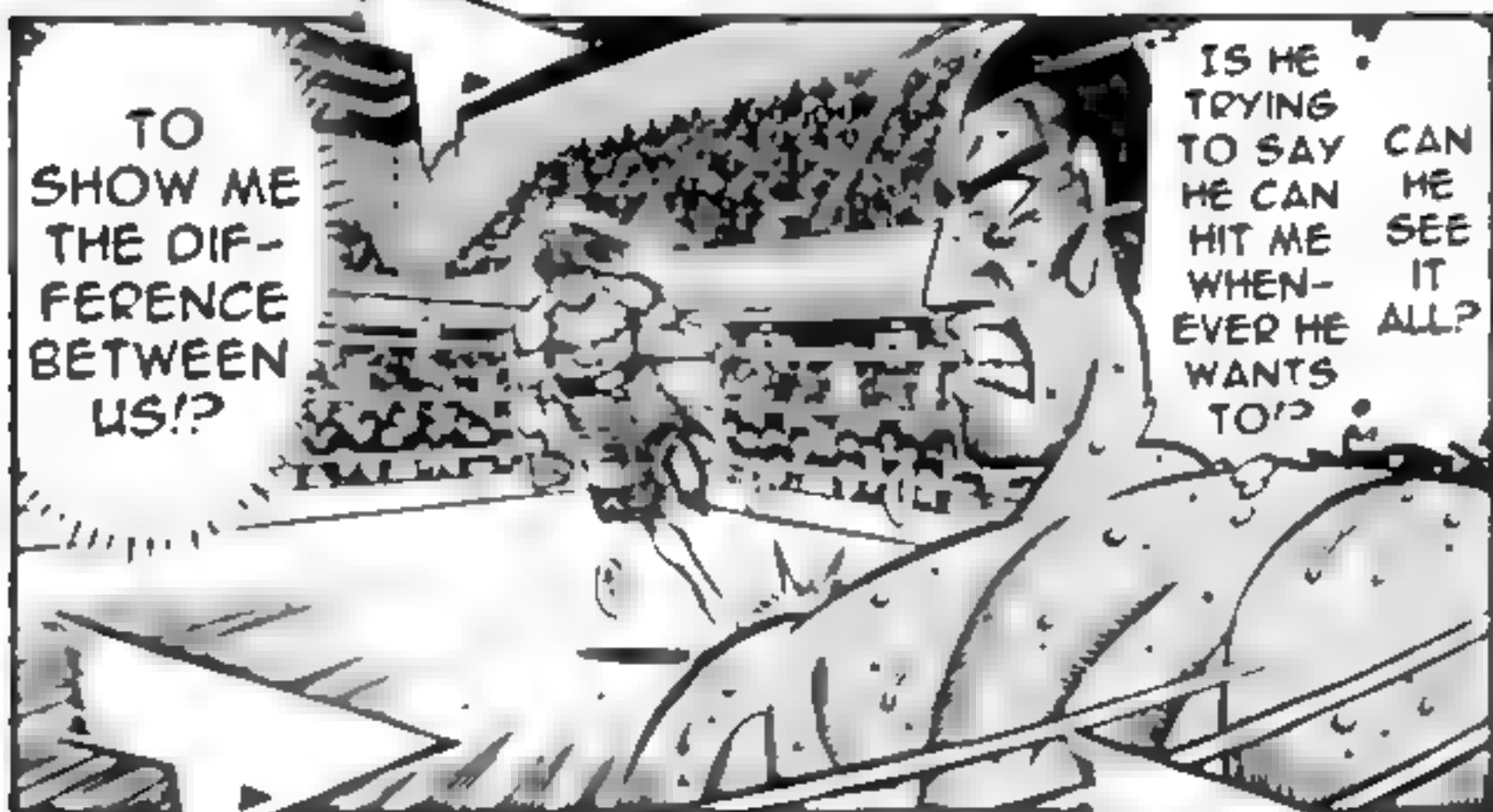
H-HE  
DID IT  
AGAIN



!!



HE'S A  
GEN-  
IUS!!



TO  
SHOW ME  
THE DIF-  
ERENCE  
BETWEEN  
US!?

IS HE  
TRYING  
TO SAY  
HE CAN  
HIT ME  
WHEN-  
EVER HE  
WANTS  
TO? CAN  
HE  
SEE  
IT  
ALL?







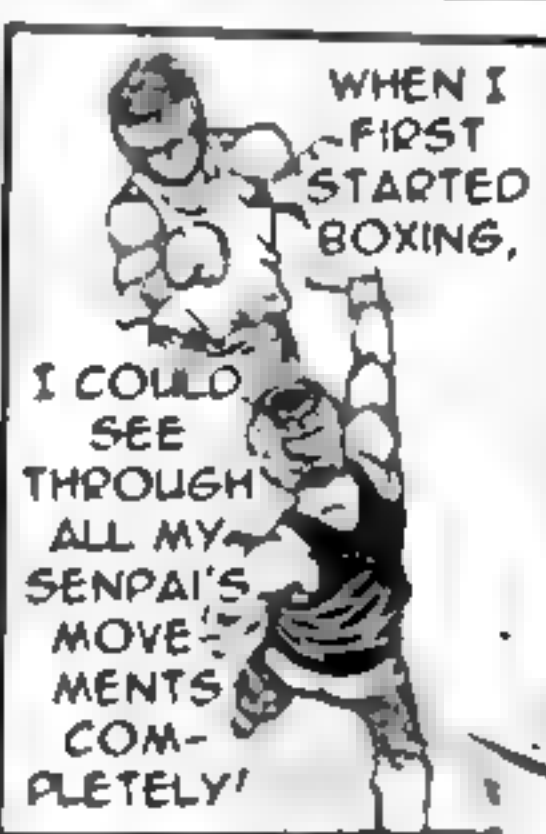
AWWWW...  
THIS IS SO  
AWESOME!!



THAT'S  
RIGHT! I  
REMEM-  
BER ALL  
OF IT!



IT'S  
BEEN  
SOME  
TIME  
SINCE  
I'VE  
HAD  
THIS  
FEEL-  
ING.



WHEN I  
FIRST  
STARTED  
BOXING,

I COULD  
SEE  
THROUGH  
ALL MY  
SENPAI'S  
MOVE-  
MENTS  
COM-  
PLETELY!

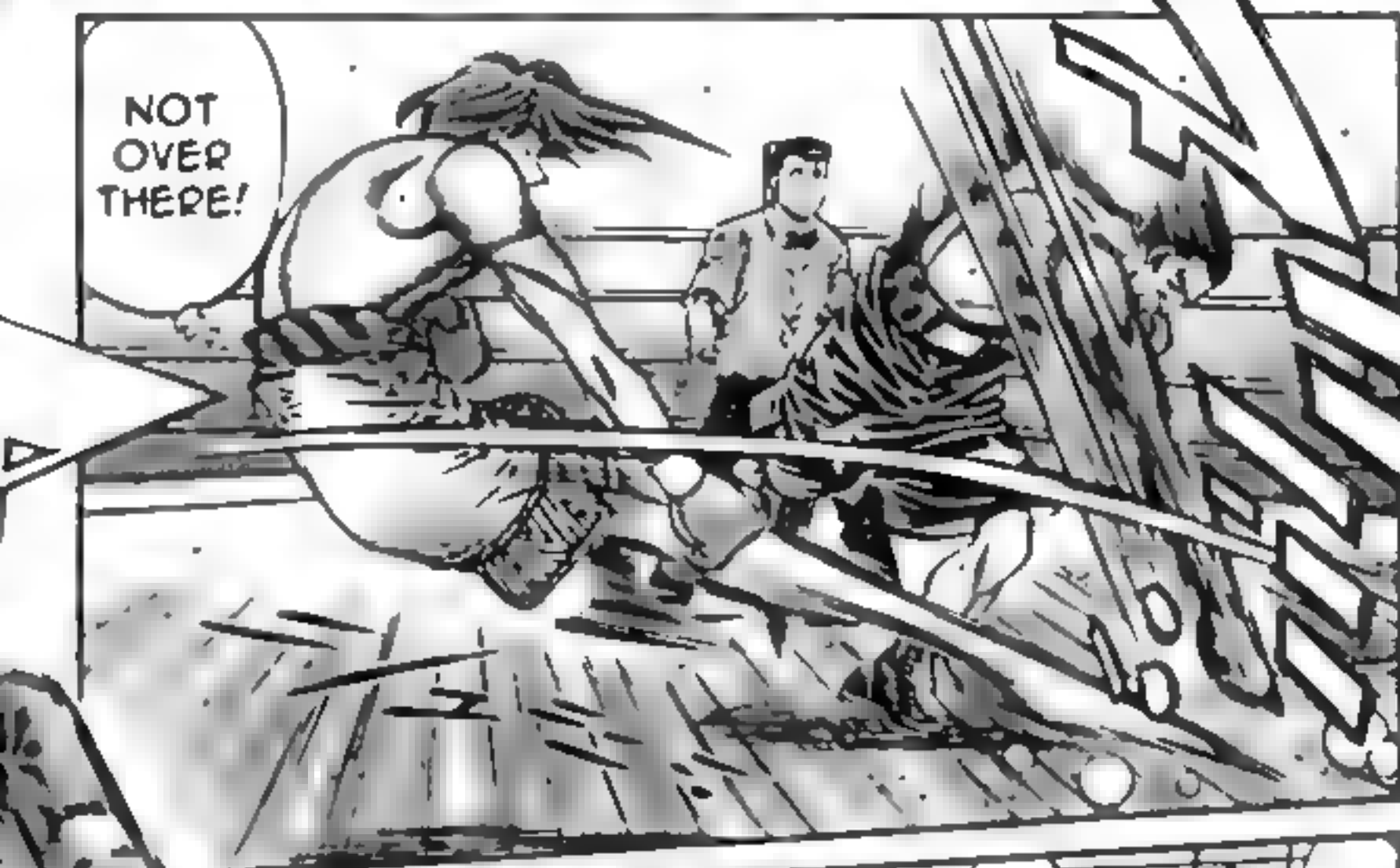


IT'S  
ALL SO  
CLEAR  
TO ME!

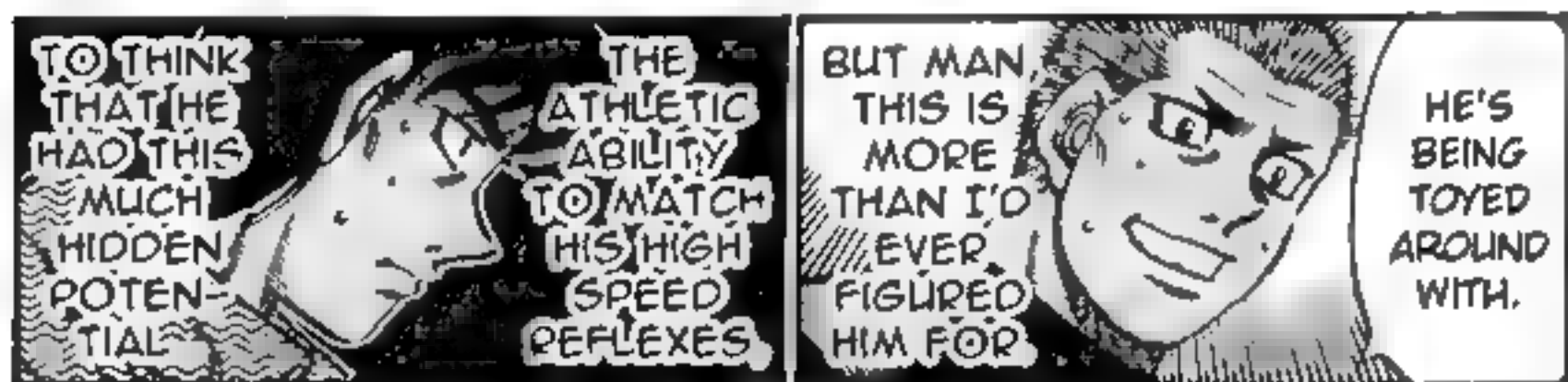
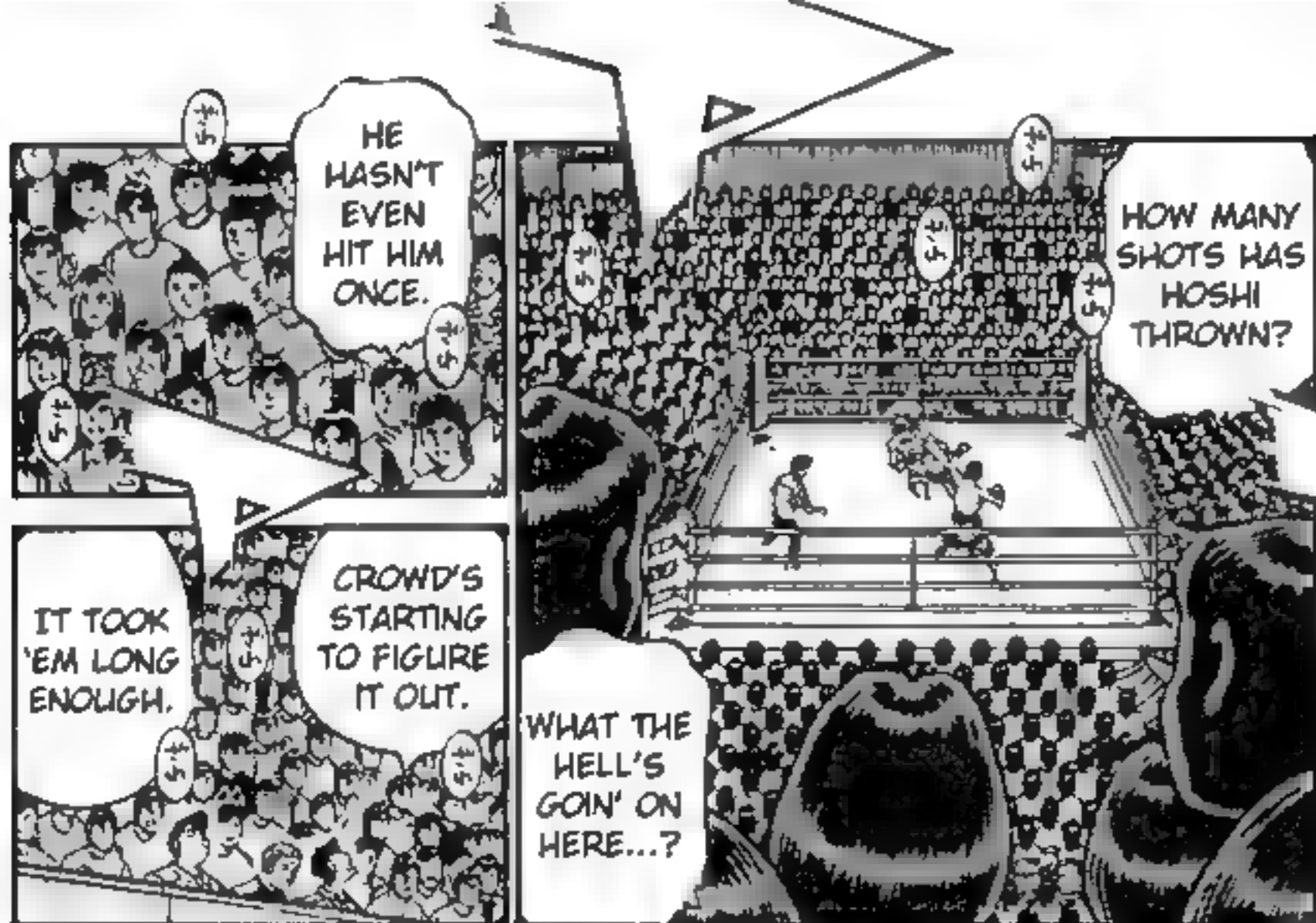
I CAN SEE HIS  
MOVEMENTS,  
I CAN SEE  
WHERE AND  
WHEN THEY'LL  
BE COMING



BOXING!!







HE'S JUST  
BEGGING  
TO BE  
SLUGGED IN  
THE LEFT  
CHEEK...

I'D GO  
FOR THAT  
BULLSHIT  
LOWERED  
GUARD.

WHAT  
WOULD  
YOU DO  
HERE'?

IF IT  
WAS  
ME,

...

YEAH  
?

BUT YOU  
REALIZE  
IT TOO  
THOUGH.

...

YEAH,  
I'D DRILL  
MY FIST  
RIGHT IN  
THERE!

IF HE TRIES  
TO HIT HIM  
THERE, HE'LL  
GET THE SAME  
COUNTER HE  
GOT AT THE  
BEGINNING OF  
THE MATCH.

BUT,  
DESPITE  
KNOWING  
ALL OF  
THAT.

IT'S A  
TRAP!

HE'S  
BASICALLY  
TELLING  
HIM TO  
TRY IT.



B-BUT ...

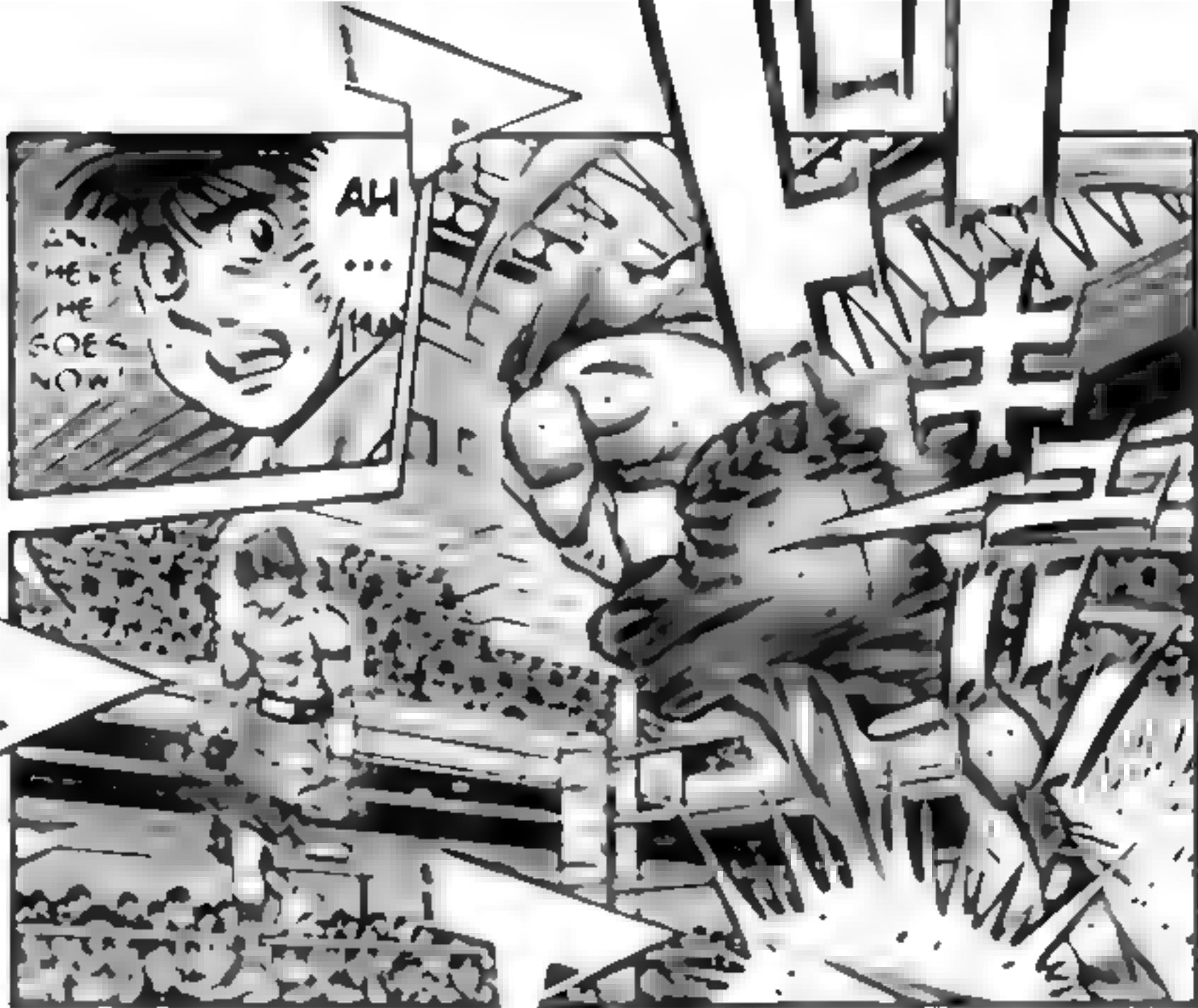


AIM FOR A TRADE OFF THAT WILL



SO, WHILE YOU GET HIT...







JUST  
LIKE I  
FIGURED



CAN'T  
EVEN  
GRAZE  
HIM!



WHOOAAA  
HE CAN'T  
HIT HIM!



HE'S  
AIMING  
FOR  
THIS!!

MA-  
NABU-  
KUN!

NOT  
GOOD!



HERE IT  
COMES!

BITE  
DOWN  
AND GRIT  
YOUR  
TEETH!



I'LL WITH-  
STAND IT!  
HIT ME WITH  
YOUR BEST  
SHOT!

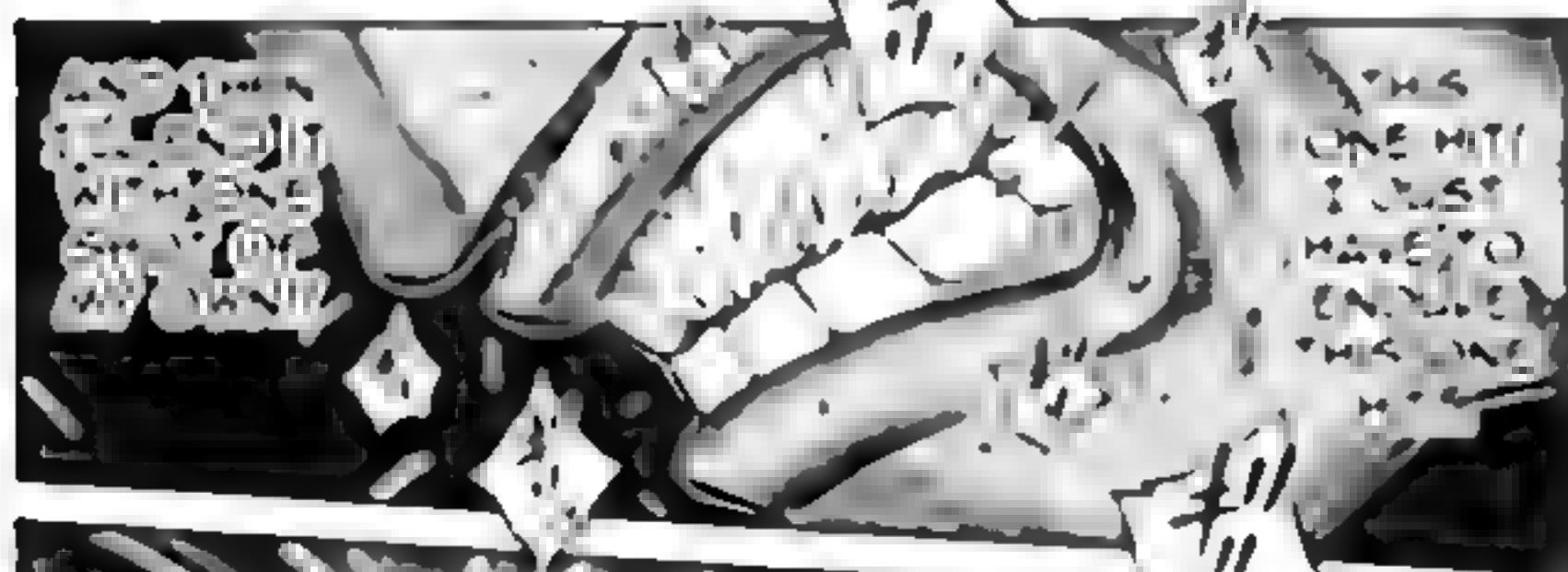
BRING IT,  
I'LL TAKE  
WHATEVER  
YOU CAN  
DISH!

AAAAAAAAAAAA



I'M  
GONNA  
CRUSH  
YOUR  
BONES  
!!

YOU  
MAY  
SHRED  
MY  
FLESH,  
BUT...



AND THEN  
I'LL  
CRUSH  
YOUR  
BONES

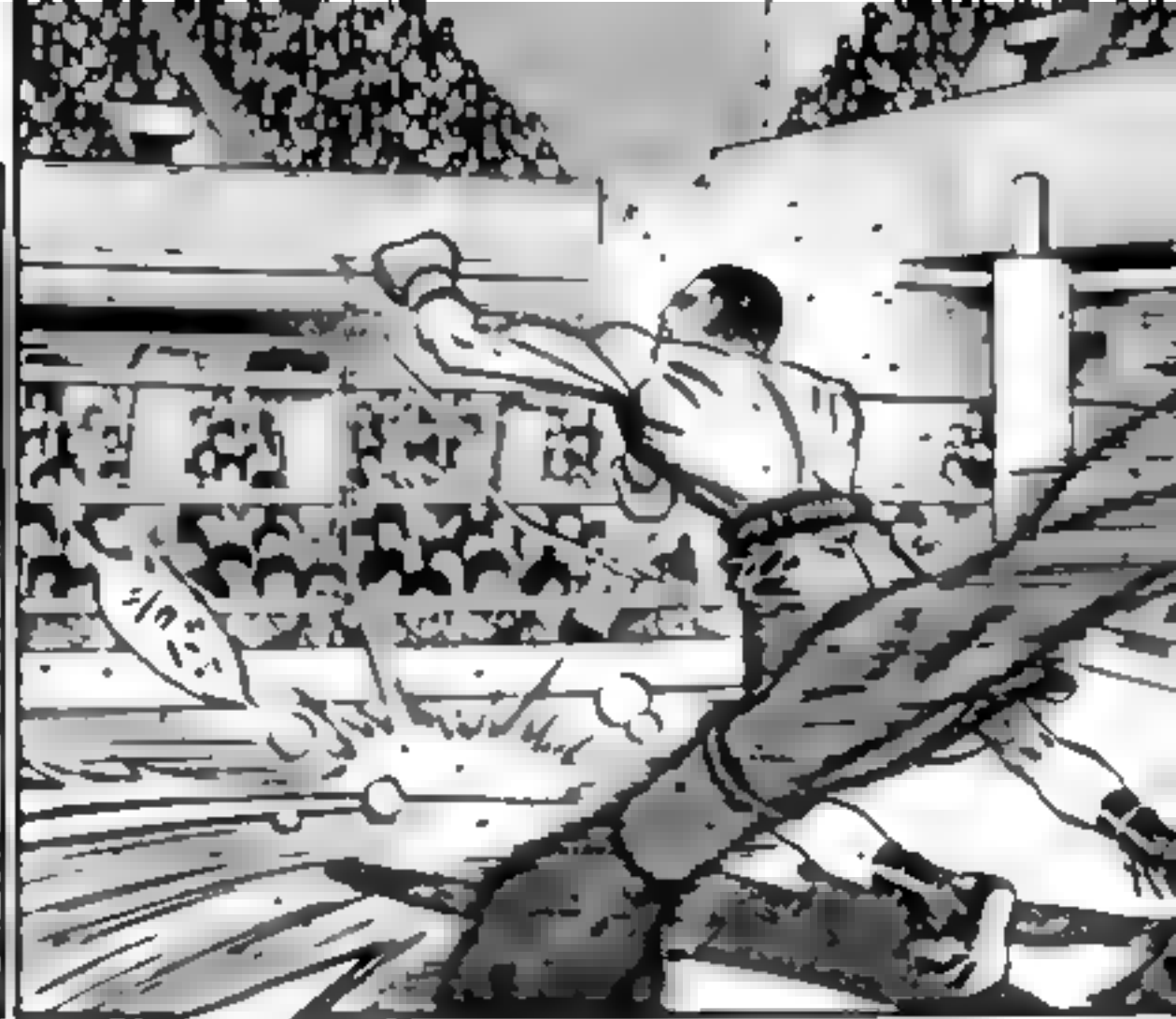
THIS  
ONE HIT  
I JUST  
HAVE TO  
ENJOY  
THE PAIN



TAKE  
THIS ONE  
HIT AND  
THEN









# 1000 本

THE FIGHTER

ITAGAKI'S  
FIST IS  
THRUST  
TOWARDS  
THE SKY!

IT'S AN  
EXPLOSIVE  
COUNTER!!

AND HOSHI  
FREEFALLS  
TO THE  
GROUND!!

Round 717 Debut Match



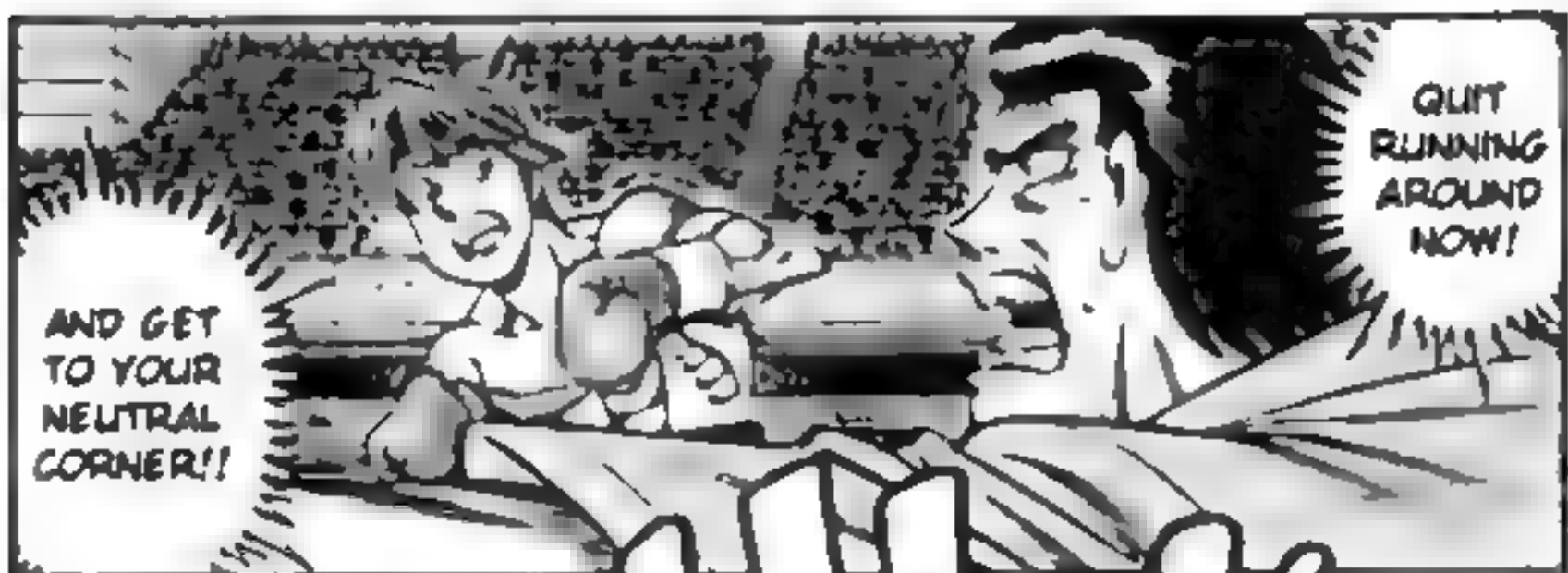


HEY,  
DUMBASS!  
GO TO A  
NEUTRAL  
CORNER  
ALREADY!

AHHH, AND  
ITAGAKI  
DOESN'T  
STOP!

HE CAN'T  
START  
THE COUNT  
OTHER-  
WISE!!

IT WENT  
ACCORDING  
TO HIS PLAN!  
A SATISFYING  
COLLISION!  
YOU CAN SEE  
HOW HAPPY  
HE IS!



QUIT  
RUNNING  
AROUND  
NOW!

AND GET  
TO YOUR  
NEUTRAL  
CORNER!!

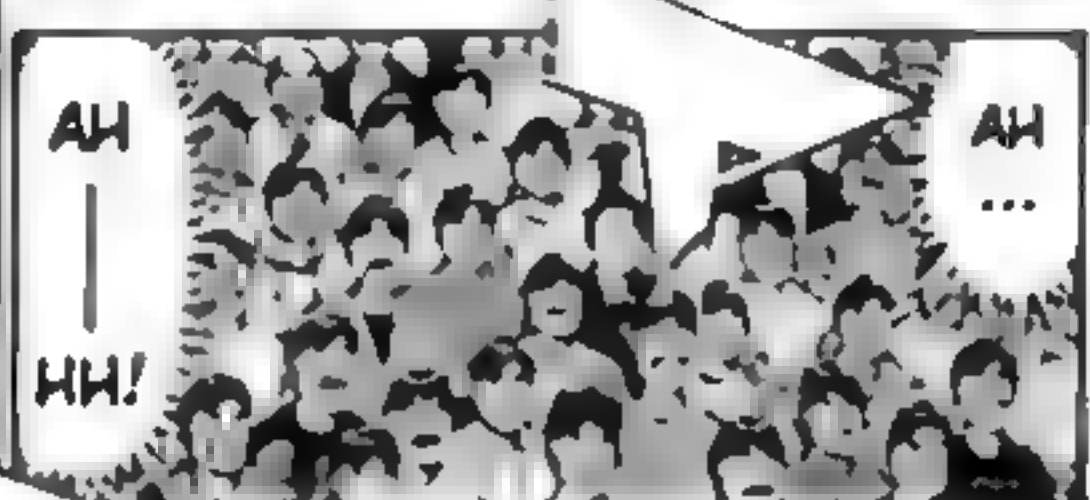


THE SUR-  
PRISED  
REFEREE  
TURNS  
AROUND

AND  
BEGINS  
WITH THE  
COUNT!



IF YOU  
CAN GET  
UP, THEN  
YOU'LL  
BE SAVED  
BY THE  
FELL!





THE  
MATCH IS  
OVER!!

WHOOAAA,  
THE REF  
CROSSES  
HIS ARMS!

AND  
IT ENDS  
WITHOUT A  
COUNT!!



YOUR  
BRAIN GOT  
KNOCKED  
AROUND  
FIVE  
TIMES...

FIVE  
HITS!!



BUT IT  
WASN'T  
JUST  
ONE!!



YOU  
DID A  
GREAT  
JOB OF  
BRACING  
YOUR-  
SELF.  
YUP, YOU  
DEFINITELY  
COULD'VE  
WITHSTOOD  
A SINGLE  
SHOT.







MM  
...



WHA  
...



I-IT'S...  
OVER? BUT  
HE WASN'T  
ABLE TO DO  
ANYTHING  
YET...

ARE YOU  
KIDDING  
ME?

THIS  
HAPPENED  
TO OUR  
HOSHI... I  
CAN'T BE-  
LIEVE IT...



TO THINK  
HE WAS  
THIS...



HOSHI  
TRIED BOTH  
OF THE BEST  
IDEAS THAT  
US TWO  
JAPANESE  
CHAMPS  
COULD  
COME UP  
WITH.

KEEP  
PUNCHING  
AT HIM  
WITHOUT  
RESTING  
UP AND  
AIM  
FOR A  
DUAL EX-  
CHANGE.



YUP!



AND YET  
HE STILL  
WENT  
RIGHT  
OVER HIS  
HEAD.



TCH

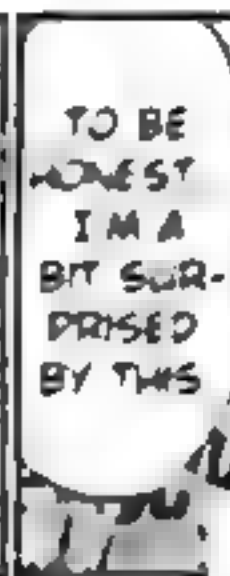




MM-  
HAM!



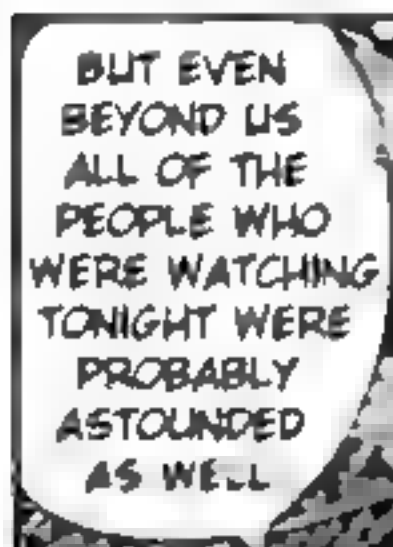
SAME  
HERE



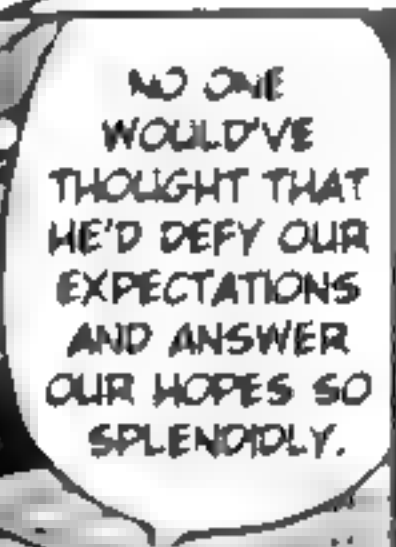
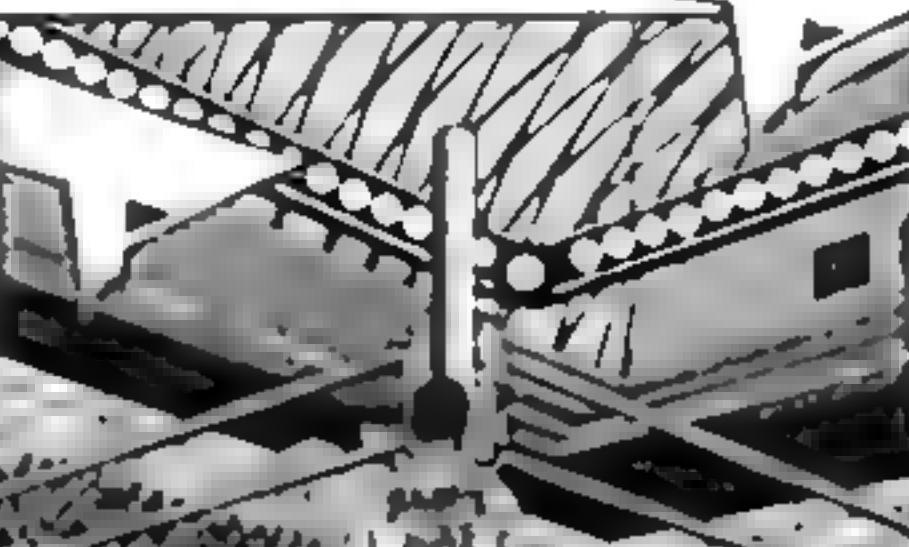
TO BE  
HONEST  
I'M A  
BIT SUR-  
PRISED  
BY THIS



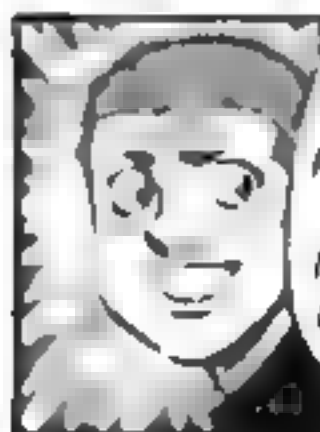
THIS  
WAS FAR  
BEYOND MY  
ORIGINAL  
EXPECTA-  
TIONS



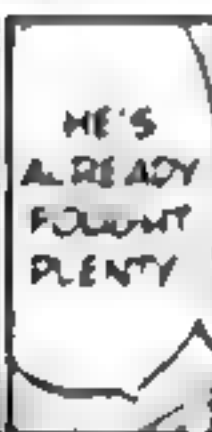
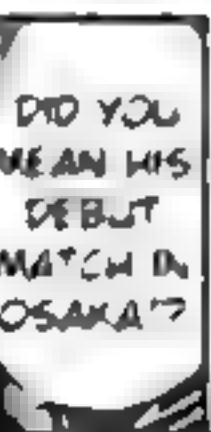
BUT EVEN  
BEYOND US  
ALL OF THE  
PEOPLE WHO  
WERE WATCHING  
TONIGHT WERE  
PROBABLY  
ASTOUNDED  
AS WELL



NO ONE  
WOULD'VE  
THOUGHT THAT  
HE'D DEFY OUR  
EXPECTATIONS  
AND ANSWER  
OUR HOPES SO  
SPLENDIDLY.



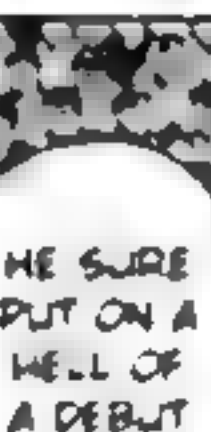
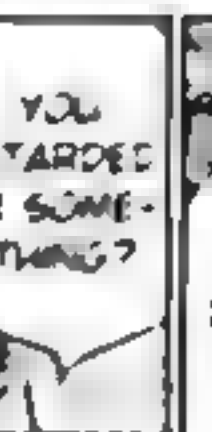
DID YOU  
MEAN HIS  
DEBUT  
MATCH IN  
OSAKA?



HE'S  
ALREADY  
FOUGHT  
PLENTY



YOU  
RETARDED  
OR SOME-  
THING?



HE SURE  
PUT ON A  
HELL OF  
A DEBUT  
MATCH!



HOT  
DAMN!

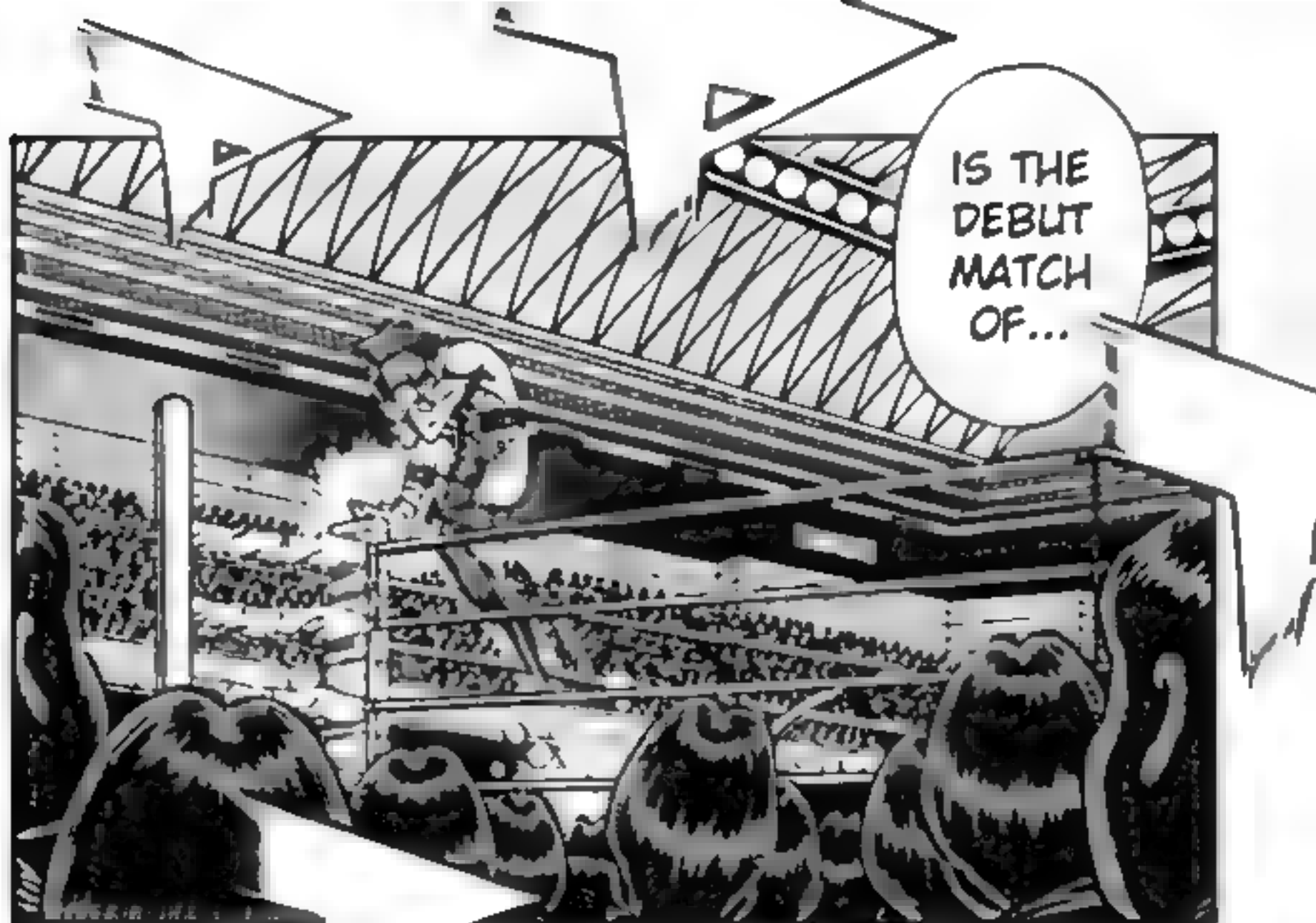


THIS  
DAY...




TO-  
DAY, NOPE  
...







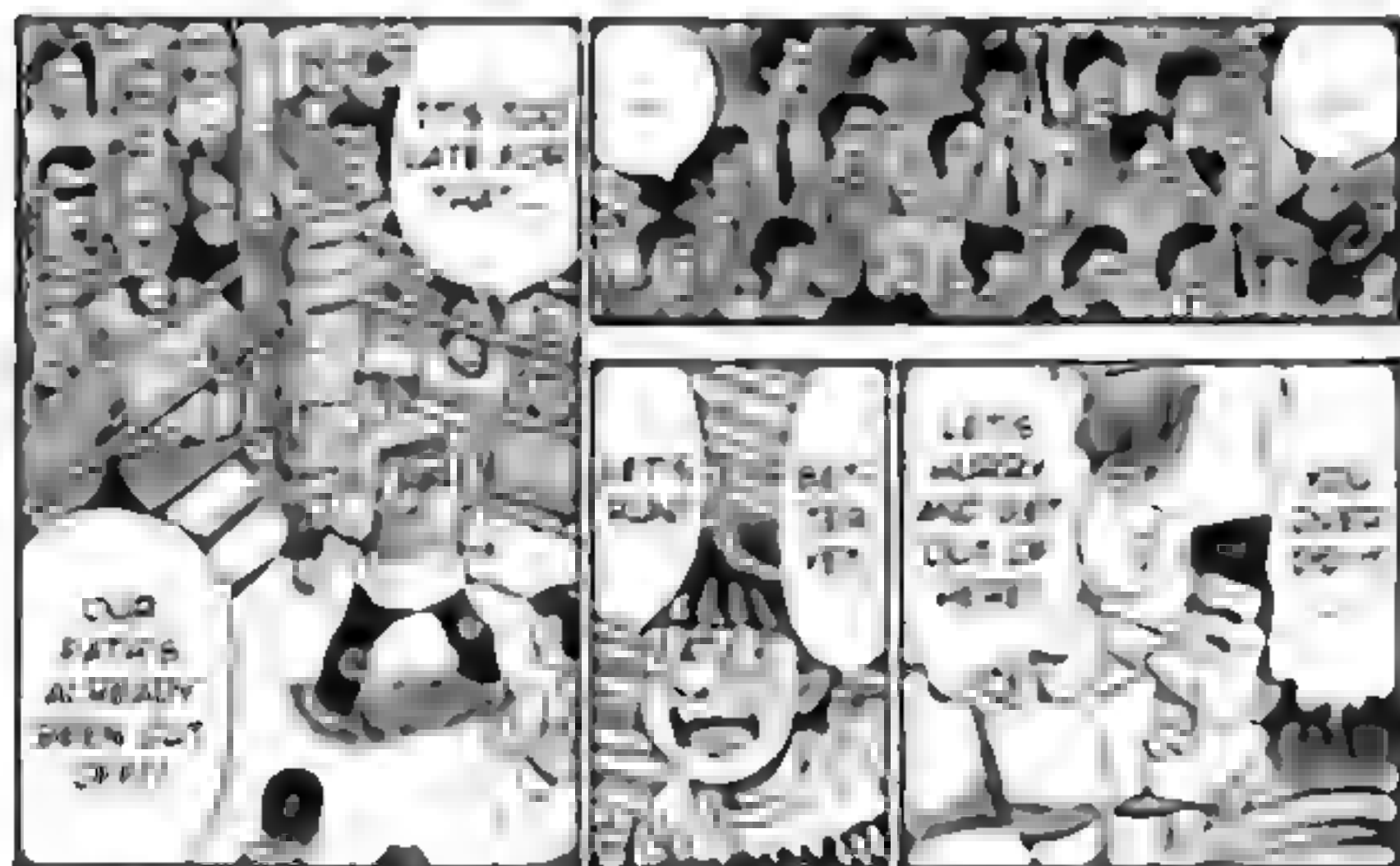
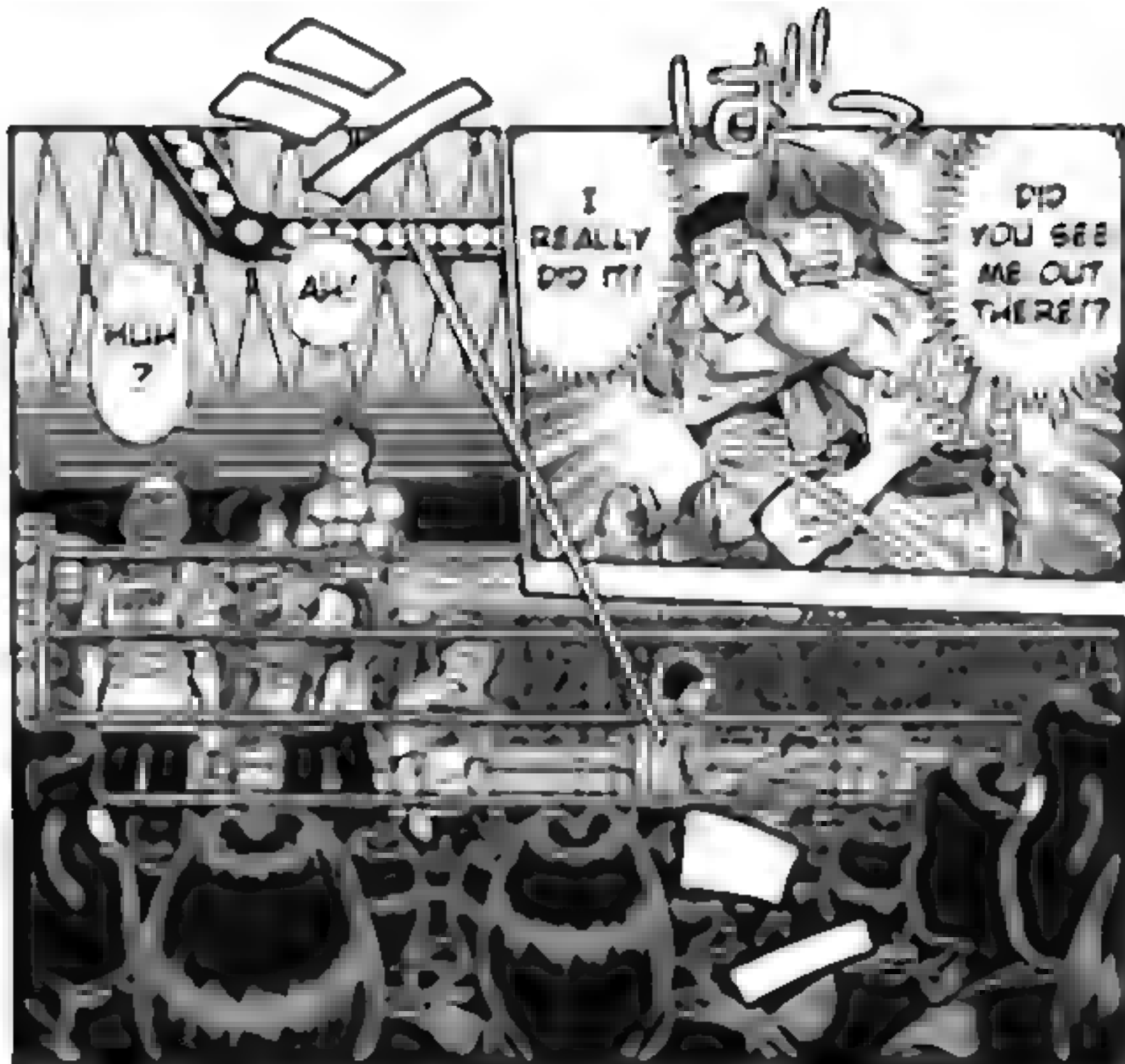


THE ONE  
TO RAISE THE  
FLAG OF VICTORY  
IN THIS EPIC  
CLASH OF ALL  
JAPAN ROOKIE  
CONTENDERS

WHAT A  
JOYOUS  
PERFOR-  
MANCE!

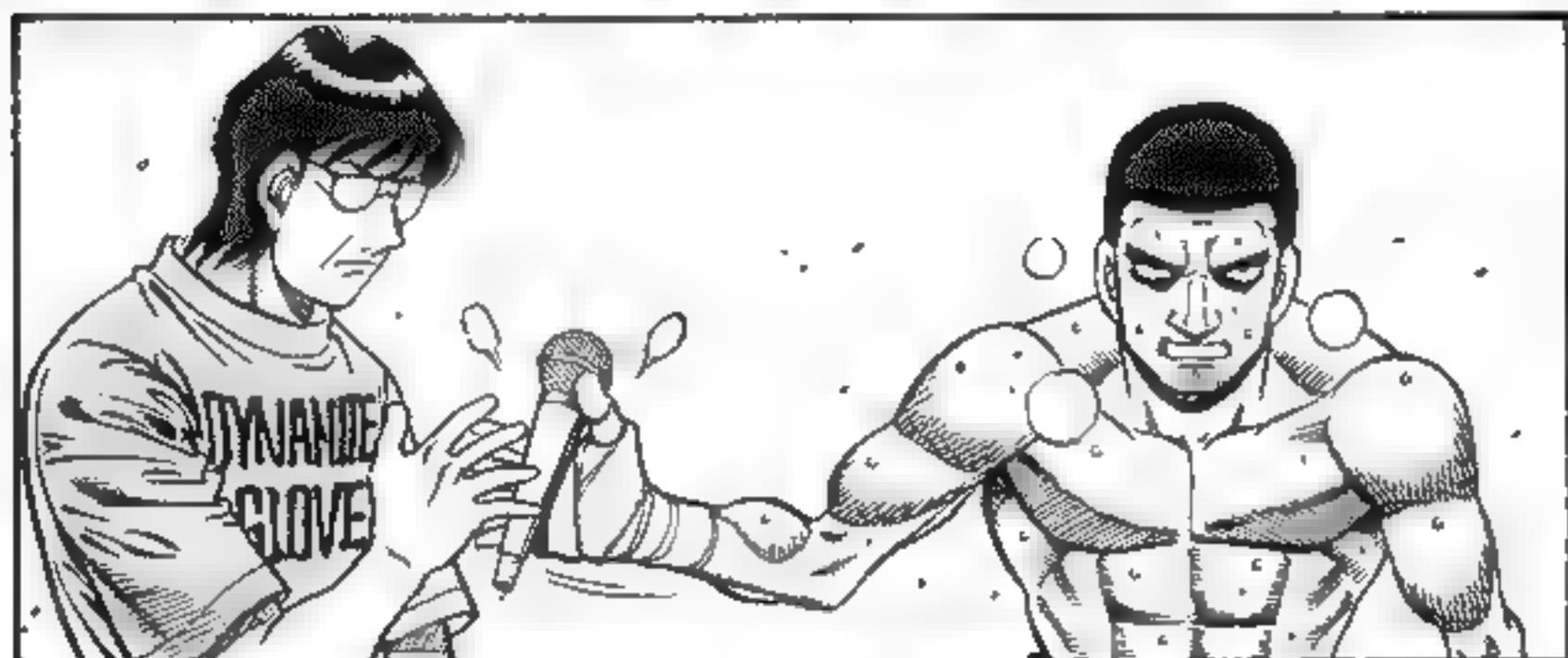
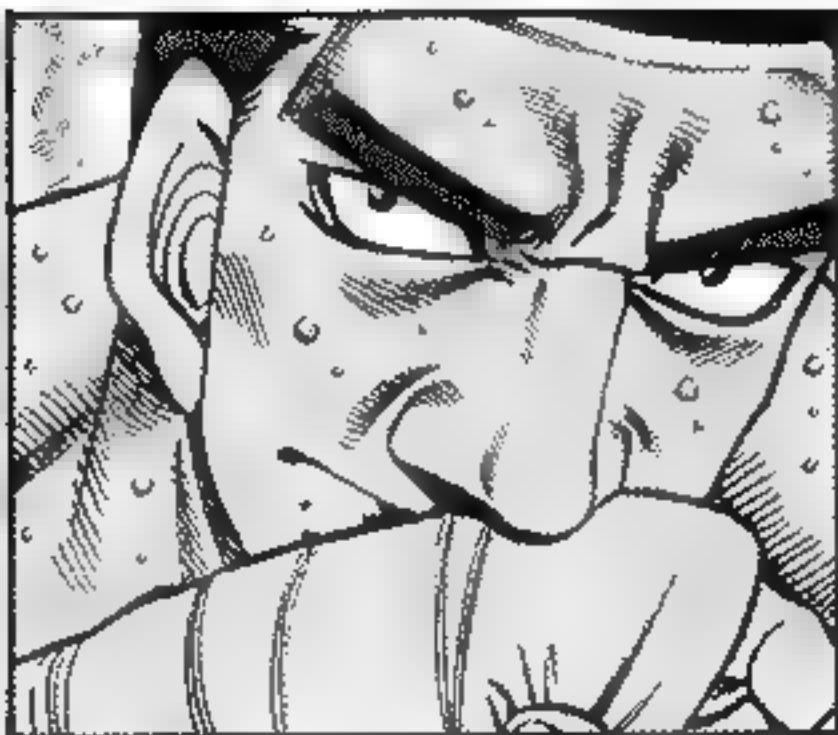
ITAGAKI  
MANABU  
OF THE  
EAST!!

















I B E T H E

LIKE THAT  
EVEN  
MATTERS,  
IF HE'S  
A REAL  
MAN...

...  
YEAH,  
GUESS  
SO.



WE'RE  
IN THE  
SAME  
GYM,  
SO...



BUT  
...

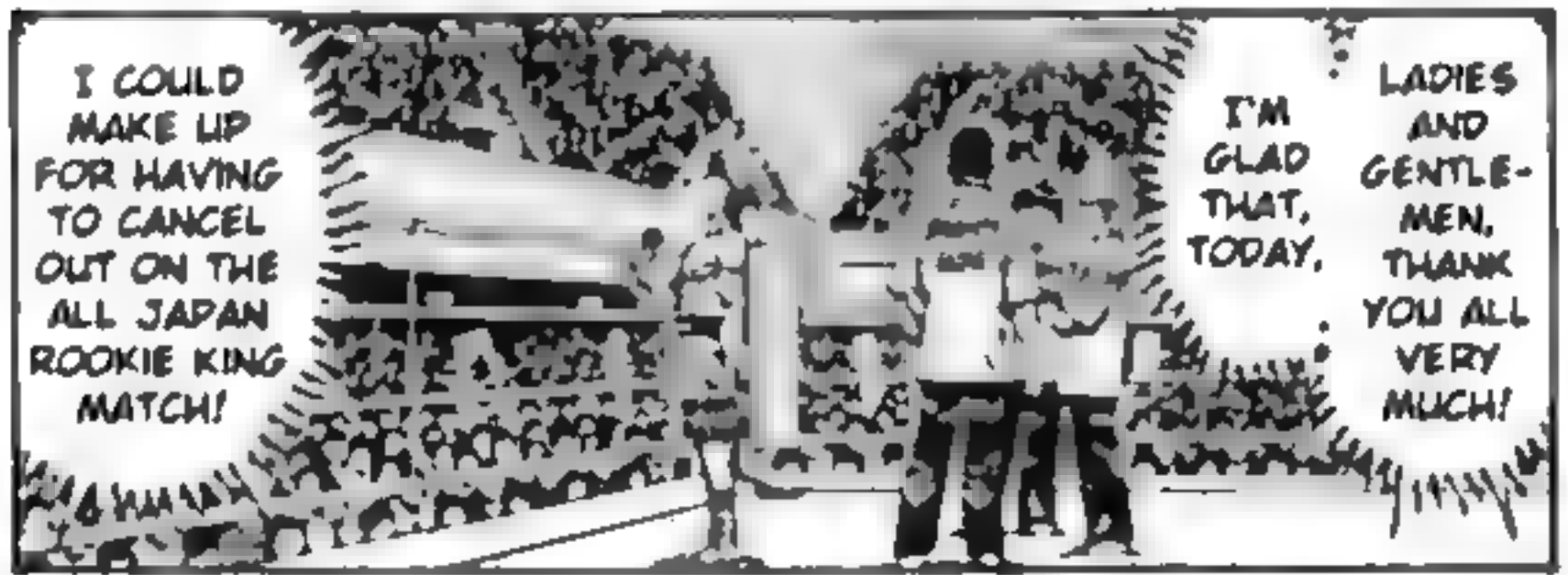
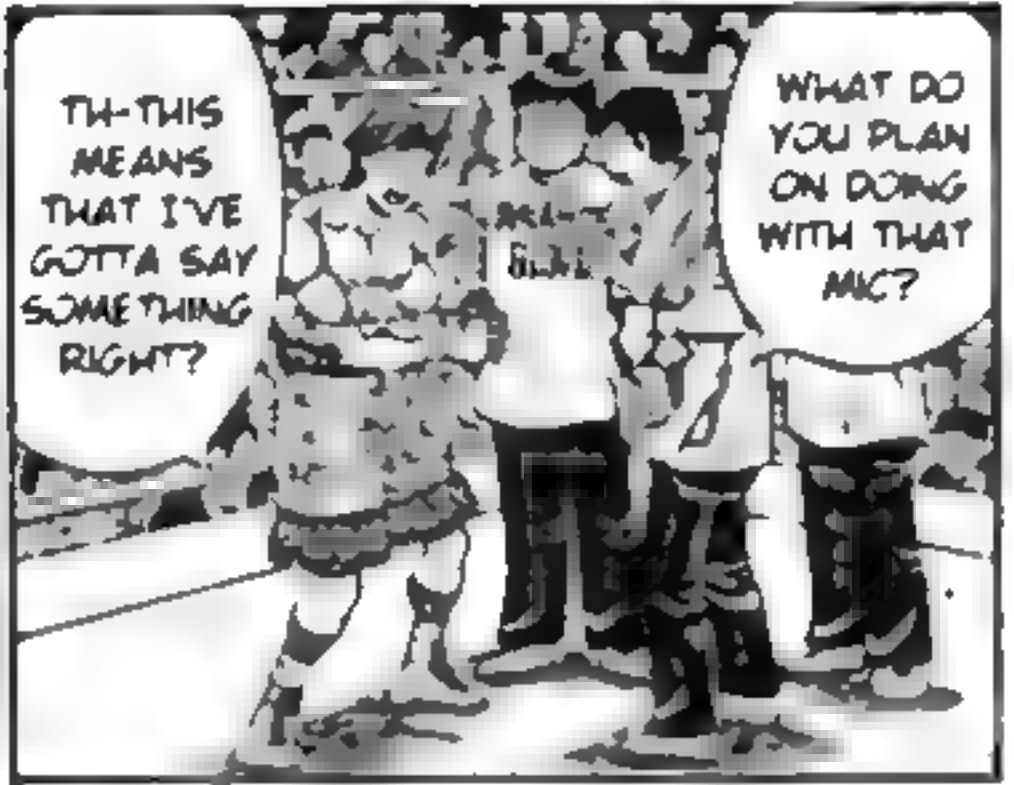
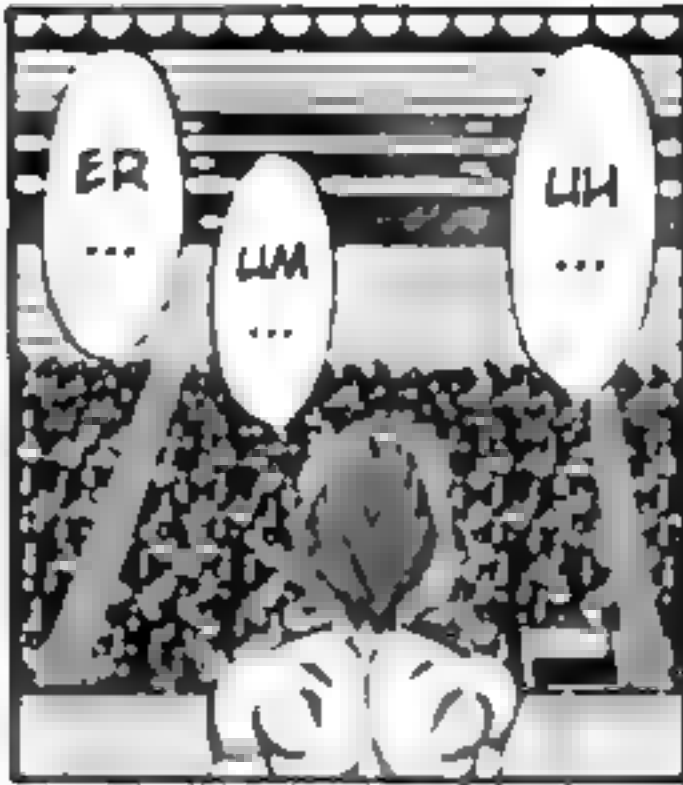


AFTER  
ALL, I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN  
ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT  
BEFORE!

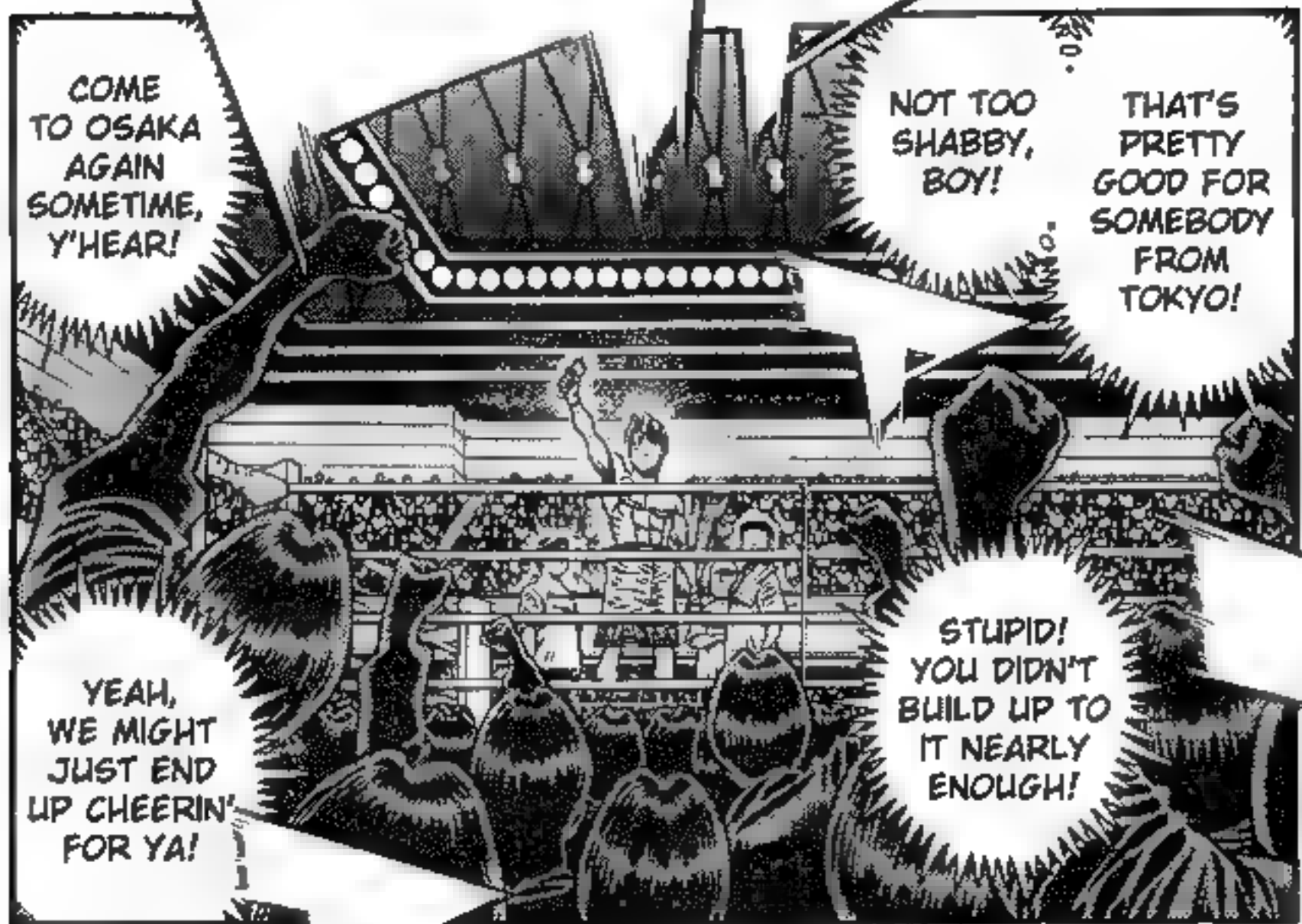


BUT  
CONGRA-  
TULATIONS  
ARE DEFINI-  
TELY IN  
ORDER...









# はじめの<sup>いっぽ</sup>一歩

THE FIGHTING!

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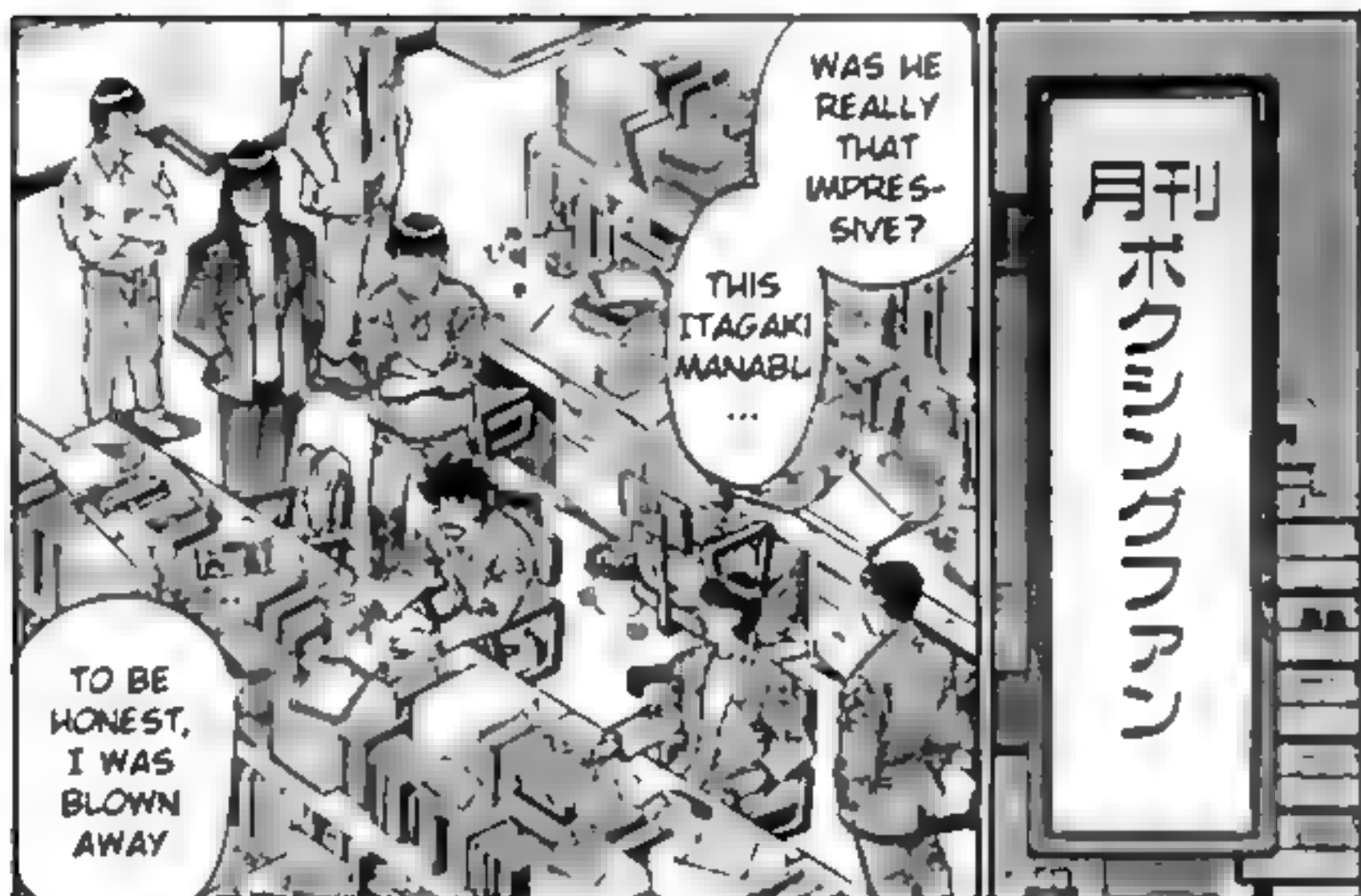
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Round 718 | The Secret of Their Strength







INFILTRATION!  
THE SECRET  
OF THE KAMO-  
GAWA GYM'S  
STRENGTH!!

SOUNDS  
GOOD!!

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
KAMOGAWA  
GYM FOR  
MORE COV-  
ERAGE!

IMU-  
RA!

LET'S GO  
IN DEPTH  
AND PUT  
TOGETHER  
A SERIOUS  
SPECIAL  
FEATURE  
ON THEIR  
DEVELOP-  
MENT!

WHAT  
BRINGS  
THESE PER-  
SONALITIES  
TOGETHER?  
WHAT OF  
THE ENVIR-  
ONMENT AND  
TRAINING  
METHODS?

AND  
WE'LL  
CALL  
IT...

OK!

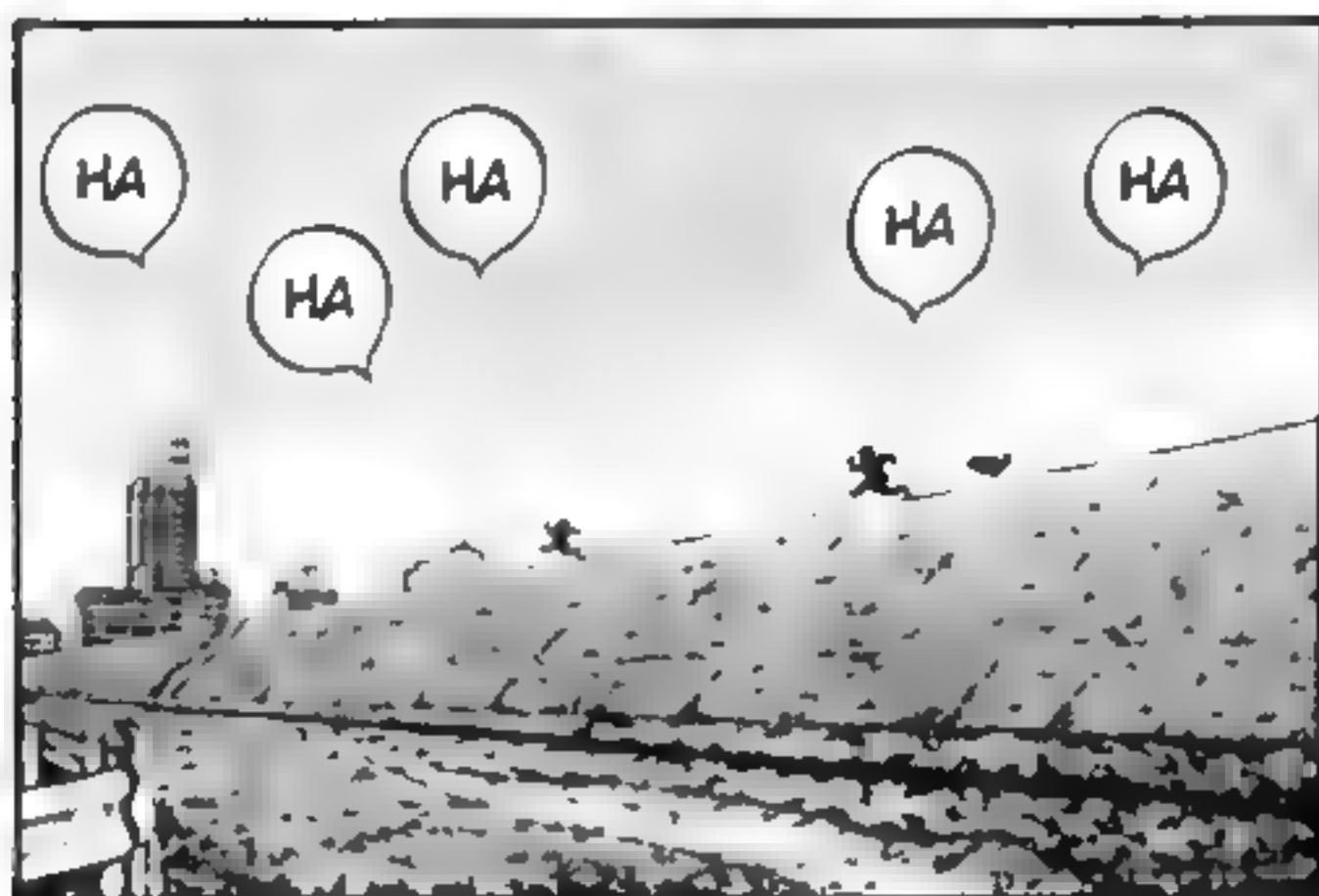
HA

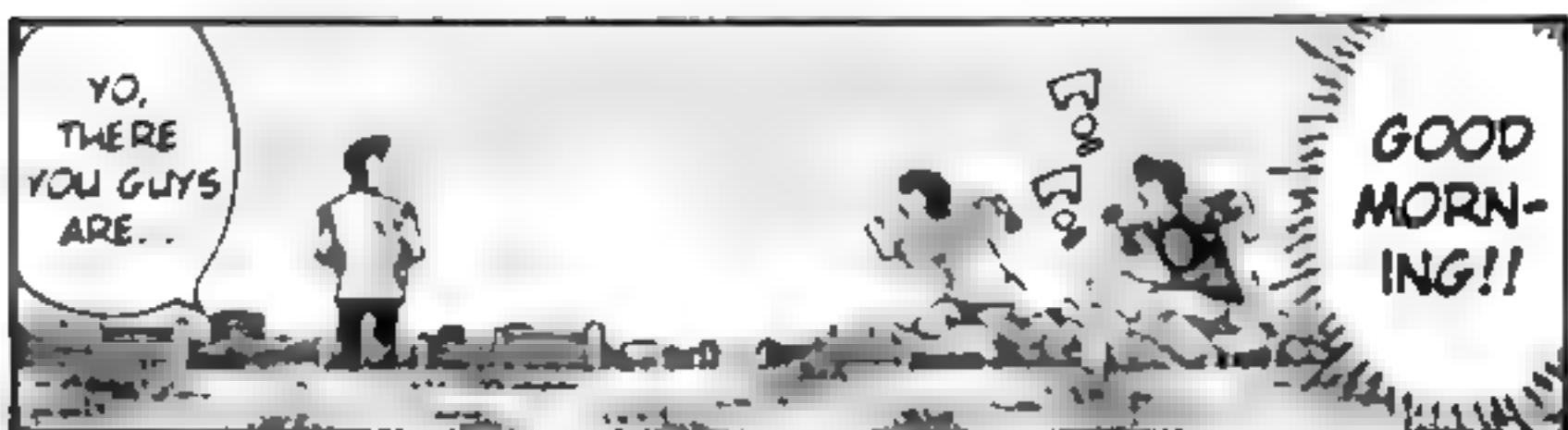
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HA

HA

HA



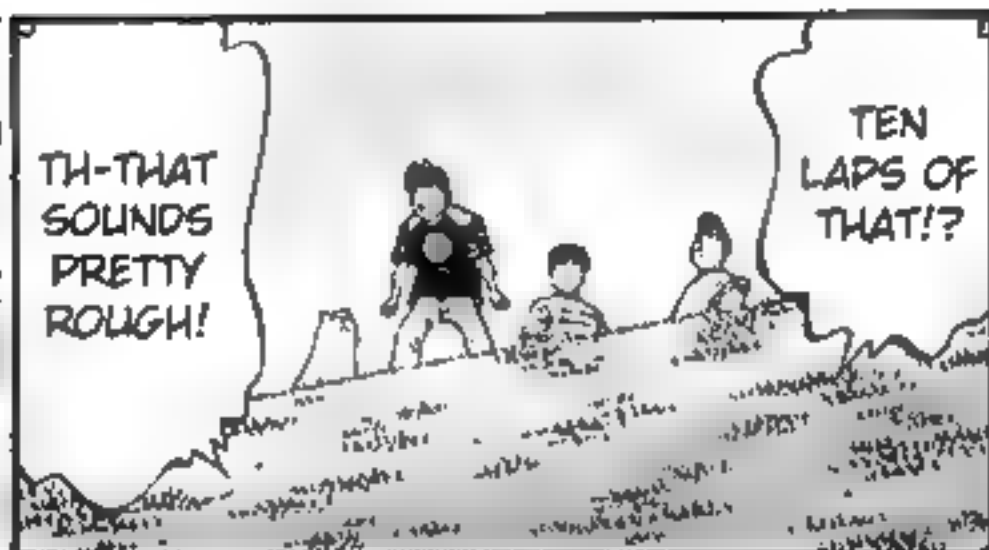






LET'S  
DO IT!  
MANABU-  
KUN!!

FINE,  
ALRIGHT  
THEN.



TH-THAT  
SOUNDS  
PRETTY  
ROUGH!

TEN  
LAPS OF  
THAT!?



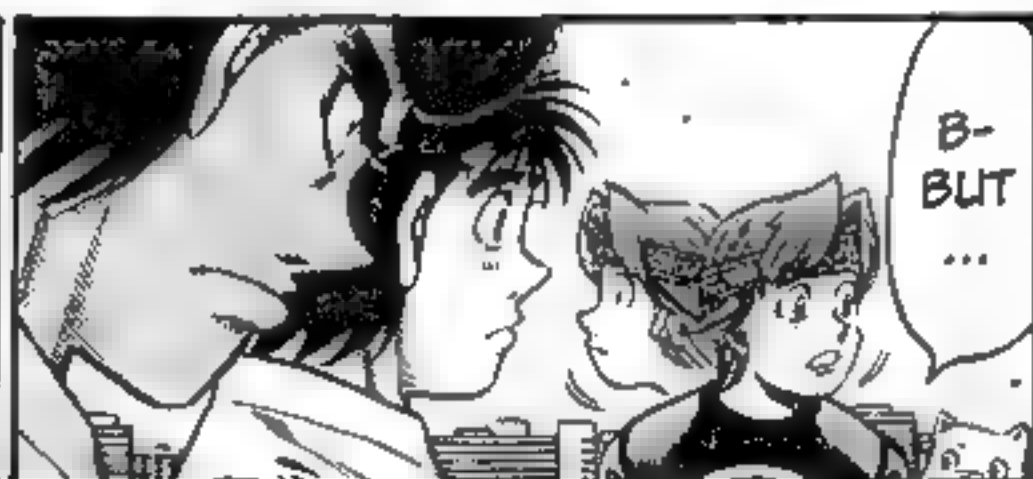
THIS'LL  
DEFINITELY  
MAKE FOR  
SOME GOOD  
TRAINING!

YEAH!  
ALL THAT  
SWITCHING  
FROM UPHILL  
TO DOWN-  
HILL...



WHAT  
ABOUT  
AOKI-SAN  
AND  
KIMURA-  
SAN?

IT'S  
JUST  
US?

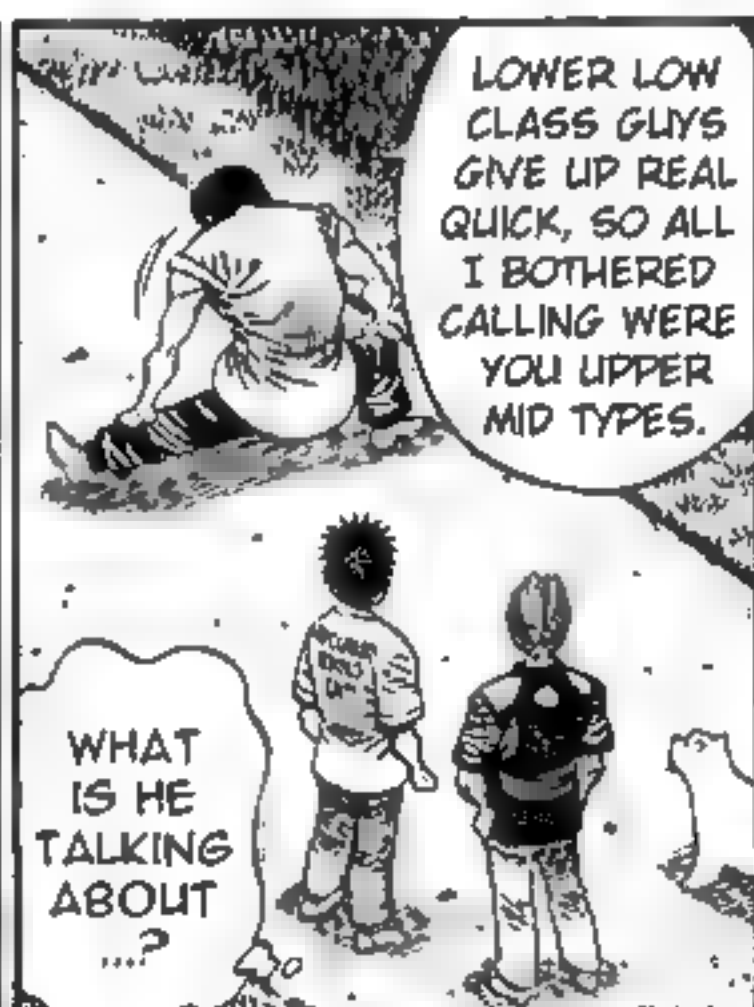


B-  
BUT  
...



JUST  
FOLLOW  
ME,  
BOYS!!

RIGHT  
!!



LOWER LOW  
CLASS GUYS  
GIVE UP REAL  
QUICK, SO ALL  
I BOTHERED  
CALLING WERE  
YOU UPPER  
MID TYPES.

WHAT  
IS HE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
...?



LET'S TRY  
TO KEEP UP  
WITH HIM!

HOLY  
CRAP,  
HE'S  
FAST!



IT'S  
TOUGH  
TERRAIN  
TO RUN  
ON!

IF IT'S  
TOUGH ON  
YOUR KNEES,  
TRY RUNNING  
ON THE EDGE  
NEAR THE  
GRASS!



DAMN,  
THIS IS  
A DAN-  
GEROUS  
COURSE!

OW  
OW  
OW!



W-WHAT  
KIND OF  
A WILD-  
MAN...



HIS  
STAMINA...  
AND HIS  
METHODS  
OF TRAIN-  
ING ARE  
ALWAYS  
BREATH-  
TAKING!

TAKA-  
MURA-  
'SAN IS  
A TRULY  
AMAZING  
MAN.



ATCH-  
YOOO!!



Y-

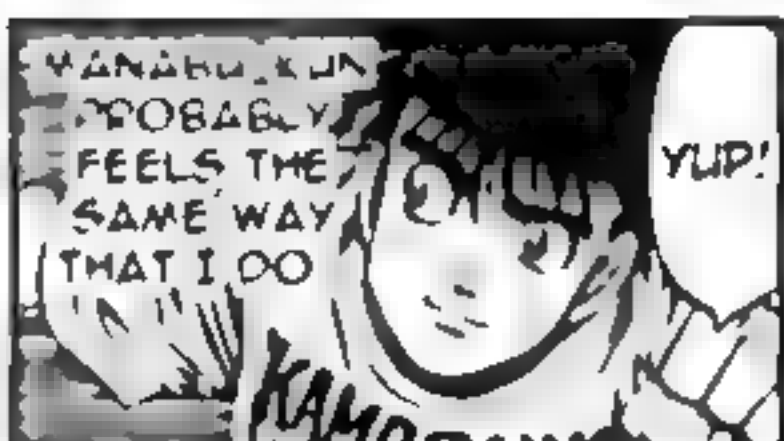
YUP  
!!

7  
ROOOO



LET'S  
DO THIS,  
SENPAI!!

DAMN  
IT  
ALL!



MANABU-KUN  
PROBABLY  
FEELS THE  
SAME WAY  
THAT I DO

YUP!



THAT I STILL  
HAVE A LONG  
WAY TO GO.

WHENEVER I  
SEE HIM, I'M  
REMIND



THAT WE CAN  
KEEP MOVING  
FORWARD TO  
BECOME MUCH  
STRONGER  
WIDE! ER

AND IT'S  
BECAUSE WE  
HAVE HIM IN  
FRONT OF  
US, PULLING  
US AHEAD



WE'VE  
LOST  
HIM...

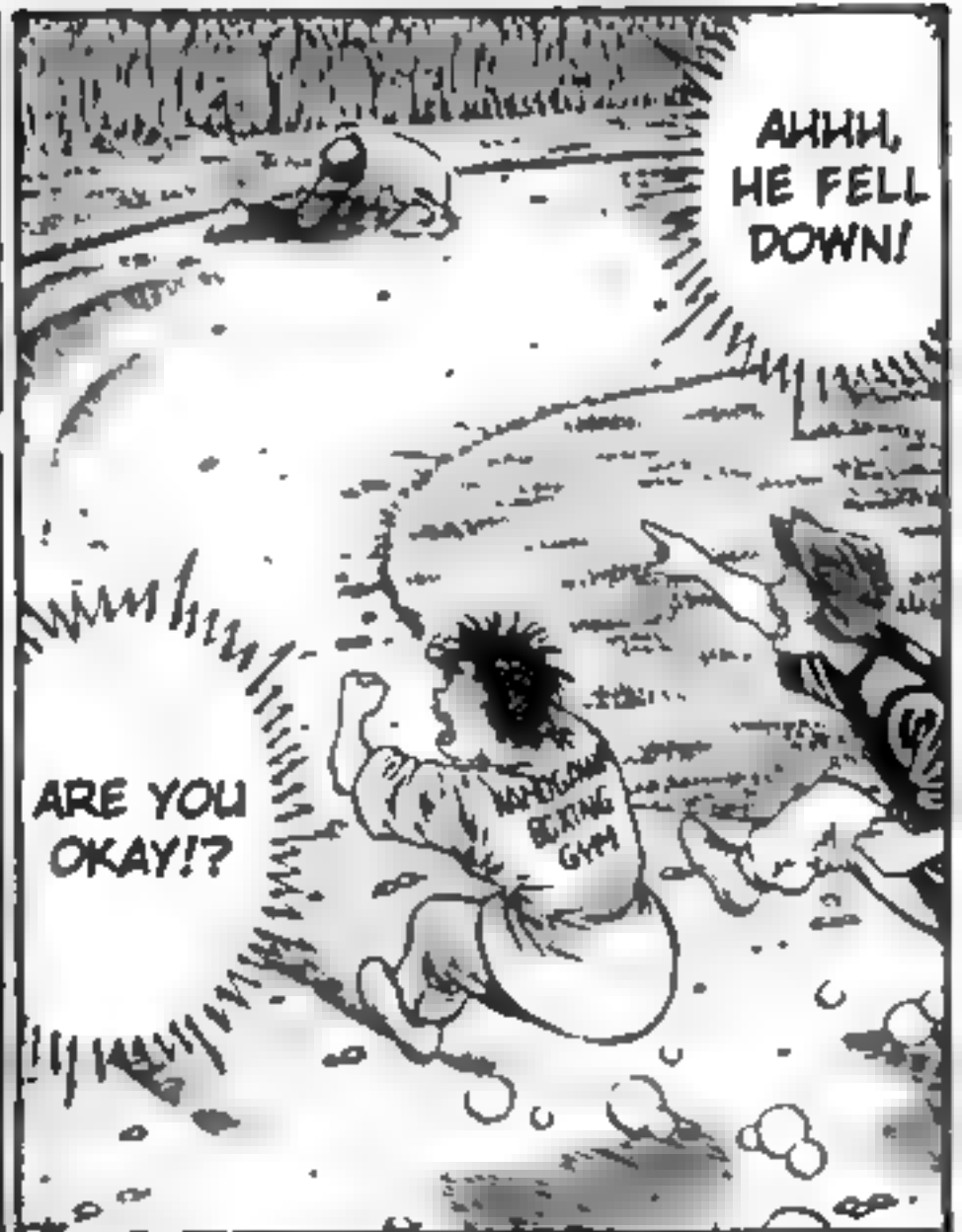


DON'T  
TELL  
ME

EH  
...?

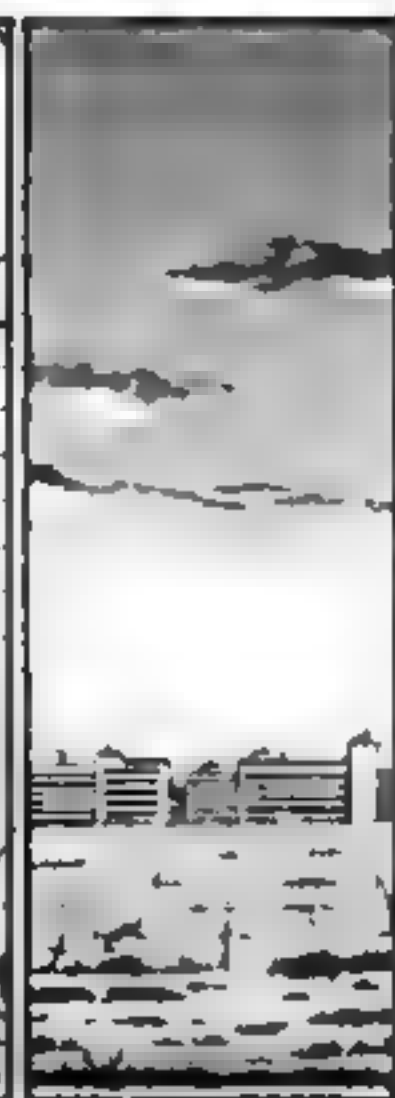
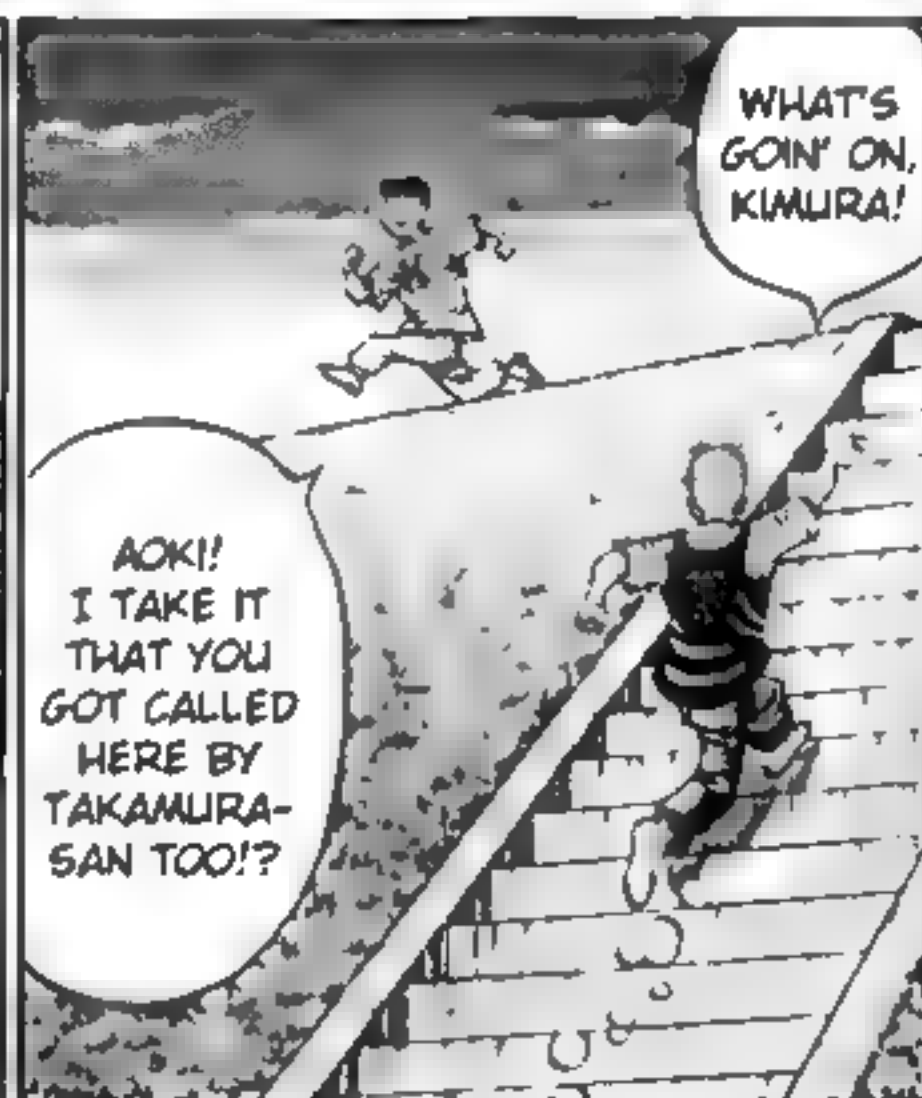
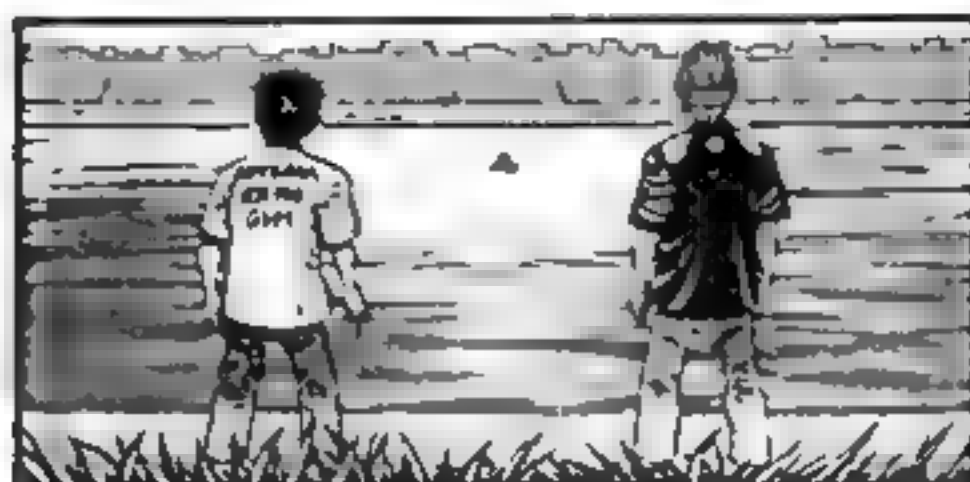














YEAH!

WE'LL  
DO TWICE  
WHAT THEY  
DID AND GET  
BACK OUR  
STANDING  
AS THEIR  
SENPAI!



THEY  
TESTED  
IT OUT  
BEFORE  
US.

HE SAID  
IPPO AND  
ITAGAKI  
HAVE  
ALREADY  
TRIED IT.



I'M NOT  
GONNA LET  
THE GYM'S  
RANKING  
SYSTEM GET  
UPSET ANY  
FURTHER!

WHAT  
BULL-  
SHIT.



WITH  
NO IDEA  
THEY'RE  
GONNA GET  
COVERED  
IN DOG  
SHIT...

HERE  
COME THE  
RETARDS  
NOW!



HUH  
...?

THERE WERE  
PLENTY OF  
MINES RIGHT  
ABOUT HERE  
YESTERDAY...



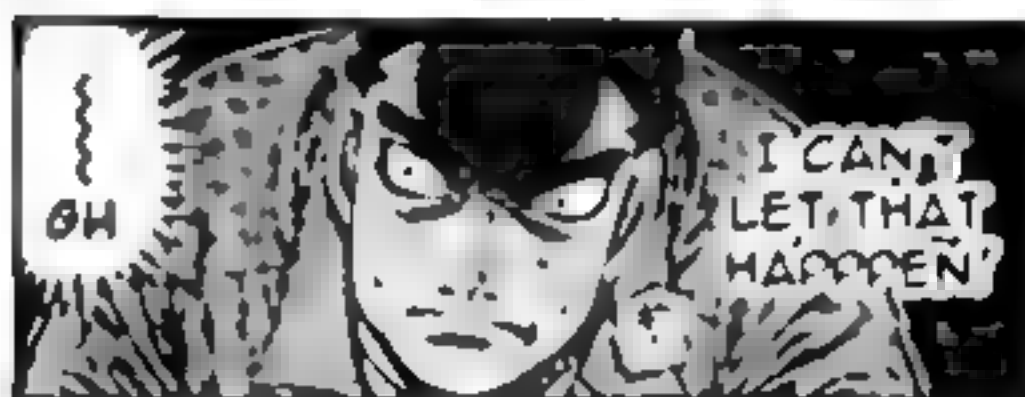
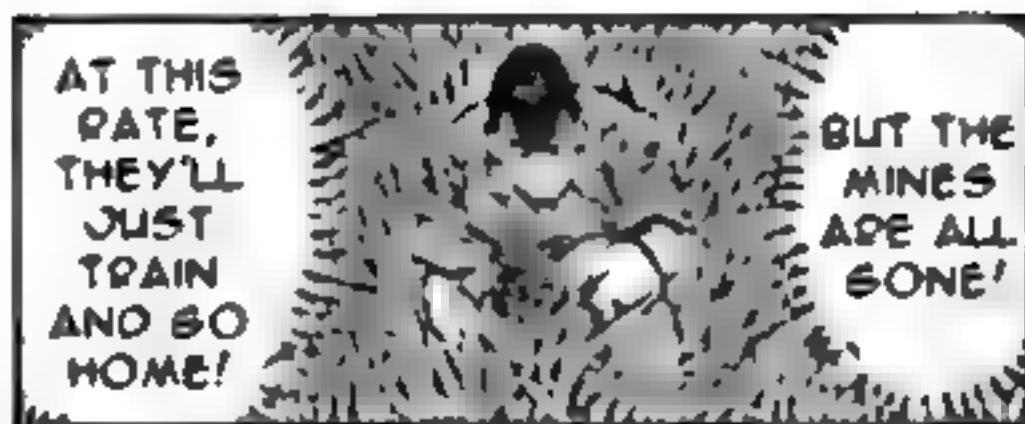
SO LET'S  
SEE, WHERE  
CAN I HIDE  
AND LAUGH  
AT THEM?

I CAN'T TAKE  
HAVING BEEN  
EMBARRASSED  
LIKE THAT ALL  
BY MYSELF...



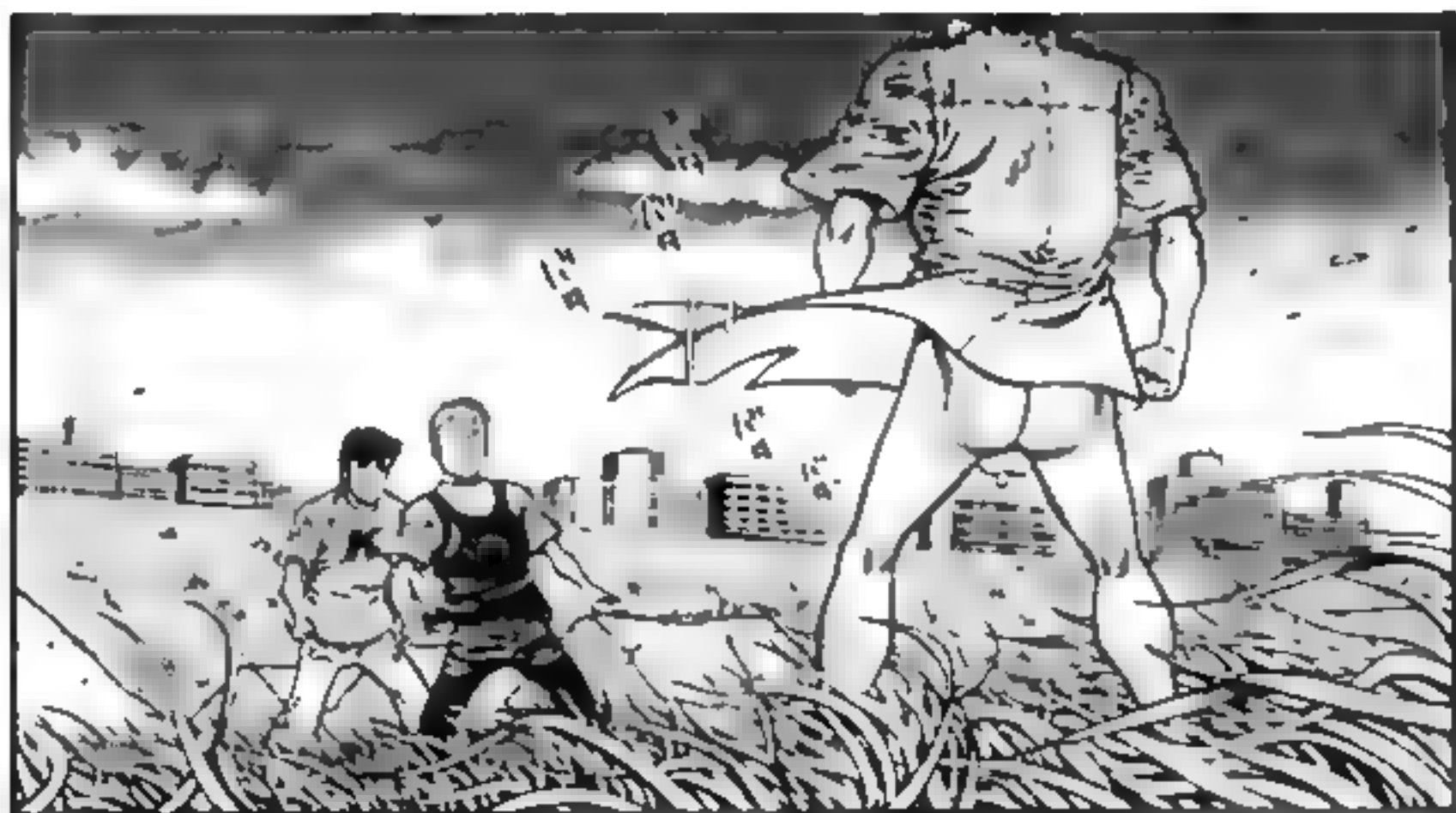
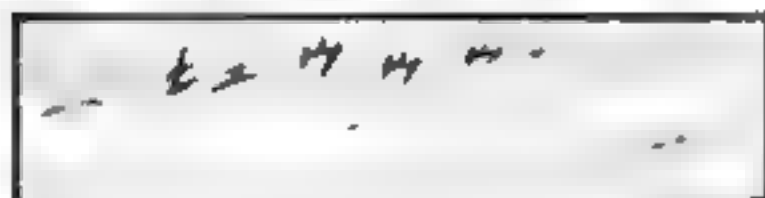
THERE  
ISN'T A  
SINGLE  
PIECE  
OF DOG  
CRAP!!

GONE!  
THE  
MINES  
ARE ALL  
GONE!















# はじめての THE FIGHTING! 一歩

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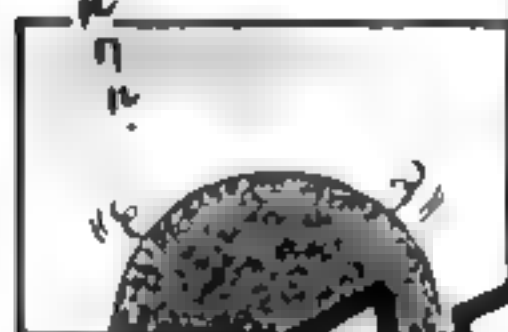
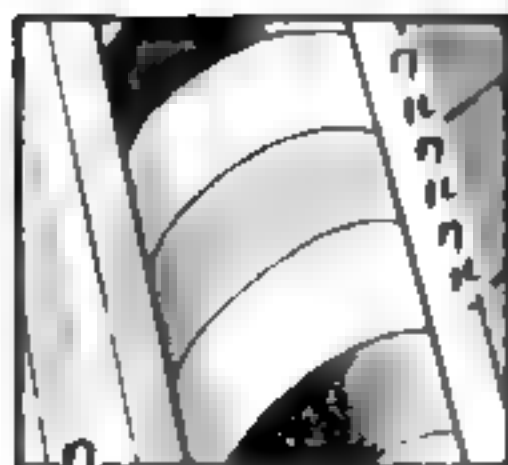
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**Round 719** *Aoki's Revenge*



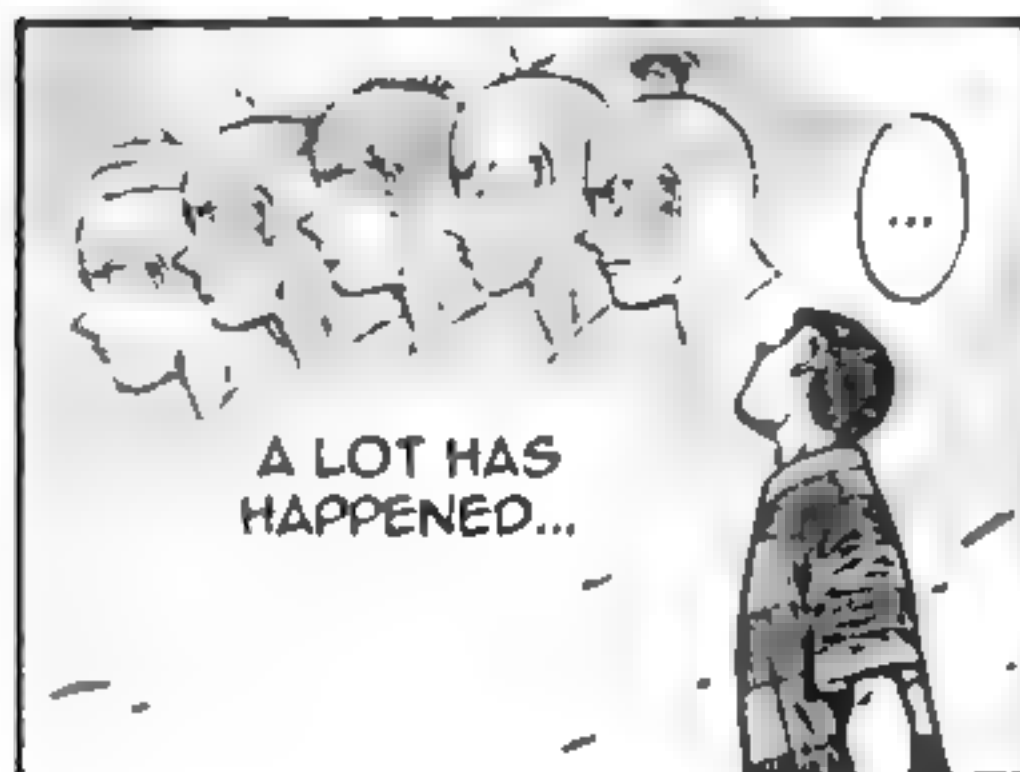
SOMETHIN'  
THAT'LL  
REALLY PUT  
ME IN HIGH  
SPIRITS!

BARBER 栗知古

GIMME  
SOMETHIN'  
WITH A  
LOTTA PUNCH  
TO IT...



AL-  
RIIIGHT  
!!



A LOT HAS  
HAPPENED...



LOOKING  
BACK...



I FEEL  
LIKE I'M  
ALMOST  
BACK TO  
NORMAL  
NOW.

THIS  
LOOK'S  
DEFI-  
NITELY  
BEST  
FOR ME.







IT... DOES?



THIS KIND OF STUFF HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!

WELL, Y'KNOW HOW IT GOES!



UM, NO.



YOU GET POOP PUT ON YOUR HEAD ALL THE TIME?



BUT DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU ANGRY?



HEY, HEY DON'T GET ALL UPSET NOW.

SO JUST WHAT DOES HE DO TO YOU ALL THE TIME THEN!?



BUT THE GUY'S A WORLD CHAMPION AND...

IT DOES ...



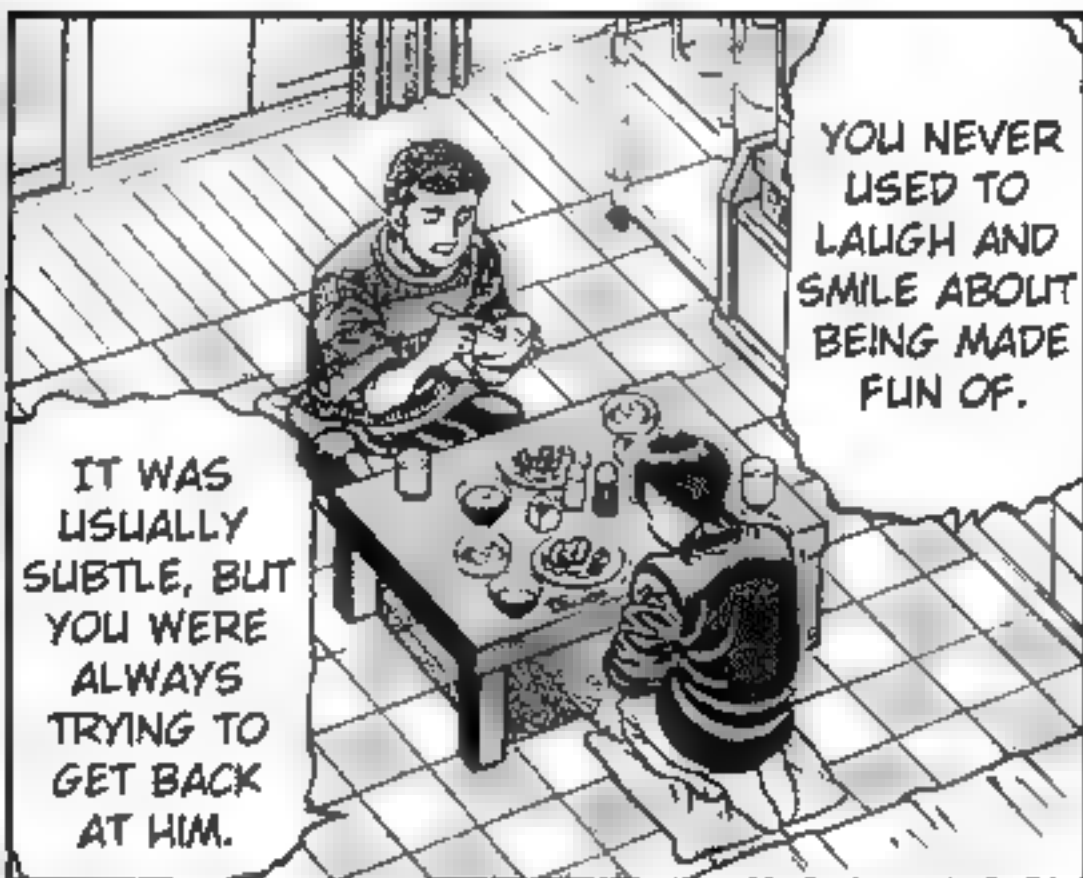
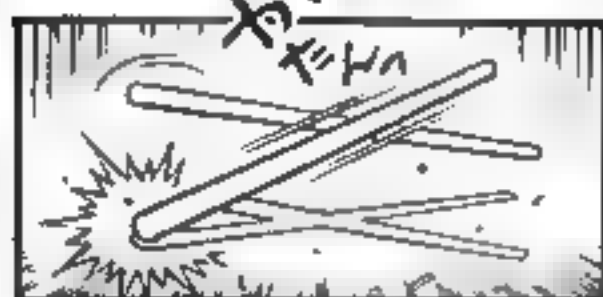
A LOSER ...?

DID YOU CALL ME...



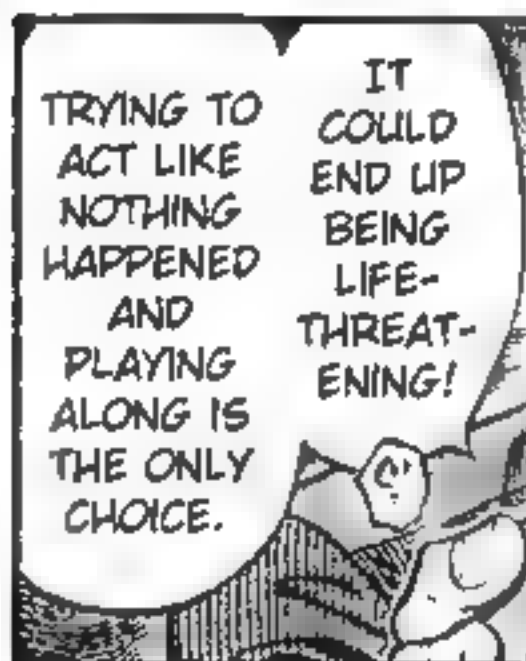
ARE YOU TURNING INTO A LOSER!?

MASA-WU... NO! MASA-RU!!



IT WAS  
USUALLY  
SUBTLE, BUT  
YOU WERE  
ALWAYS  
TRYING TO  
GET BACK  
AT HIM.

YOU NEVER  
USED TO  
LAUGH AND  
SMILE ABOUT  
BEING MADE  
FUN OF.



TRYING TO  
ACT LIKE  
NOTHING  
HAPPENED  
AND  
PLAYING  
ALONG IS  
THE ONLY  
CHOICE.

IT  
COULD  
END UP  
BEING  
LIFE-  
THREAT-  
ENING!



GOING  
AGAINST  
TAKAMURA  
CAN'T BE  
CALLED  
COURAGE,  
IT'S JUST  
PLAIN OLD  
STUPID.

DAMNIT,  
DON'T  
ACT LIKE  
YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT I  
GO THRO-  
UGH!



SINCE  
WHEN  
...



C'MON  
NOW!!

MORE  
TEA!





DON'T  
WANT TO  
SEE YOU  
LIKE THIS,  
MASA-  
RU!!



I...



MASA-  
RU...

YOU'RE  
RIGHT,  
TOMIKO.



IT LOOKS  
LIKE I LOST  
MY PRIDE  
ALONG WITH  
MY HAIR.

I MUST  
BE GOING  
CRAZY.

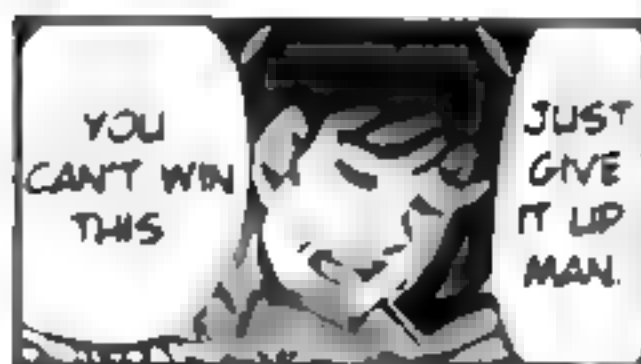
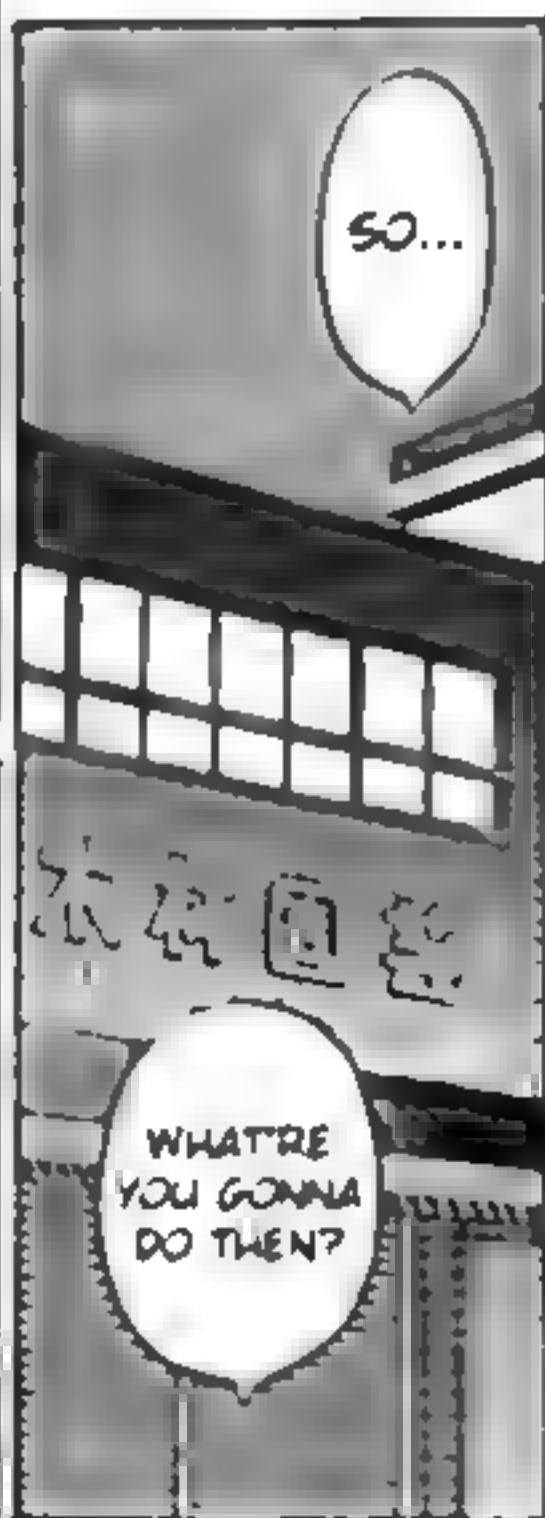


AM GOING  
TO START  
ACTING LIKE  
MY OLD  
SELF AS  
WELL!

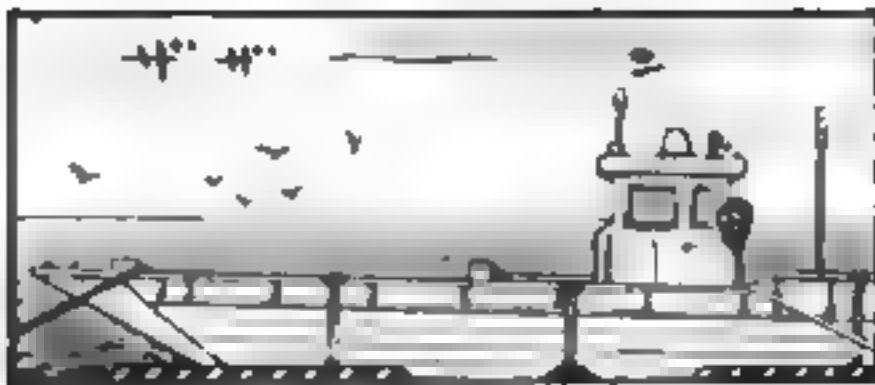
I...

NOW  
THAT  
I, TOO,  
I'VE GOT  
MY OLD  
HAIR  
BACK,









SHOULDA NEVER  
COME TO A  
CHICKEN IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE!

WHAT  
WAS  
THAT!?



THAT'S  
A HARD  
QUESTION  
TO AN-  
SWER...

REV-  
ENG, HUH?



DON'T  
ACT LIKE  
IT'S AN  
EVERY  
DAY  
THING!!

YEP  
...

ESPECI-  
ALLY WHEN  
THIS STUFF  
HAPPENS  
ALL THE  
TIME...



HM  
|  
MM

HOW DO YOU  
GUYS MANAGE  
TO AVOID  
TROUBLE ALL  
THE TIME?



IT'S  
BEEN  
GOING  
ON FOR  
A FEW  
YEARS  
NOW...

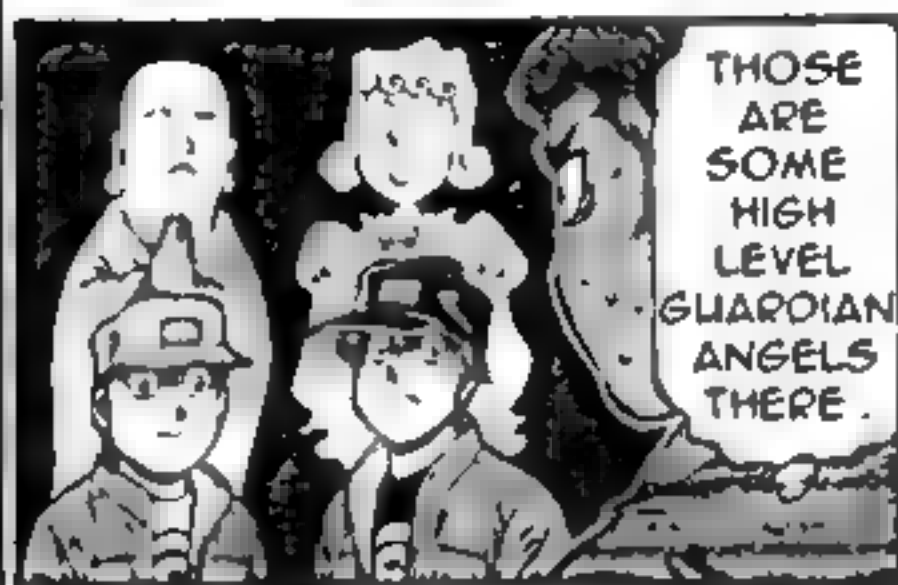
YOU SHOULD  
TRY TO KEEP  
FROM GETTING  
CAUGHT UP  
IN THIS SORT  
OF THING  
INSTEAD,



HM  
...

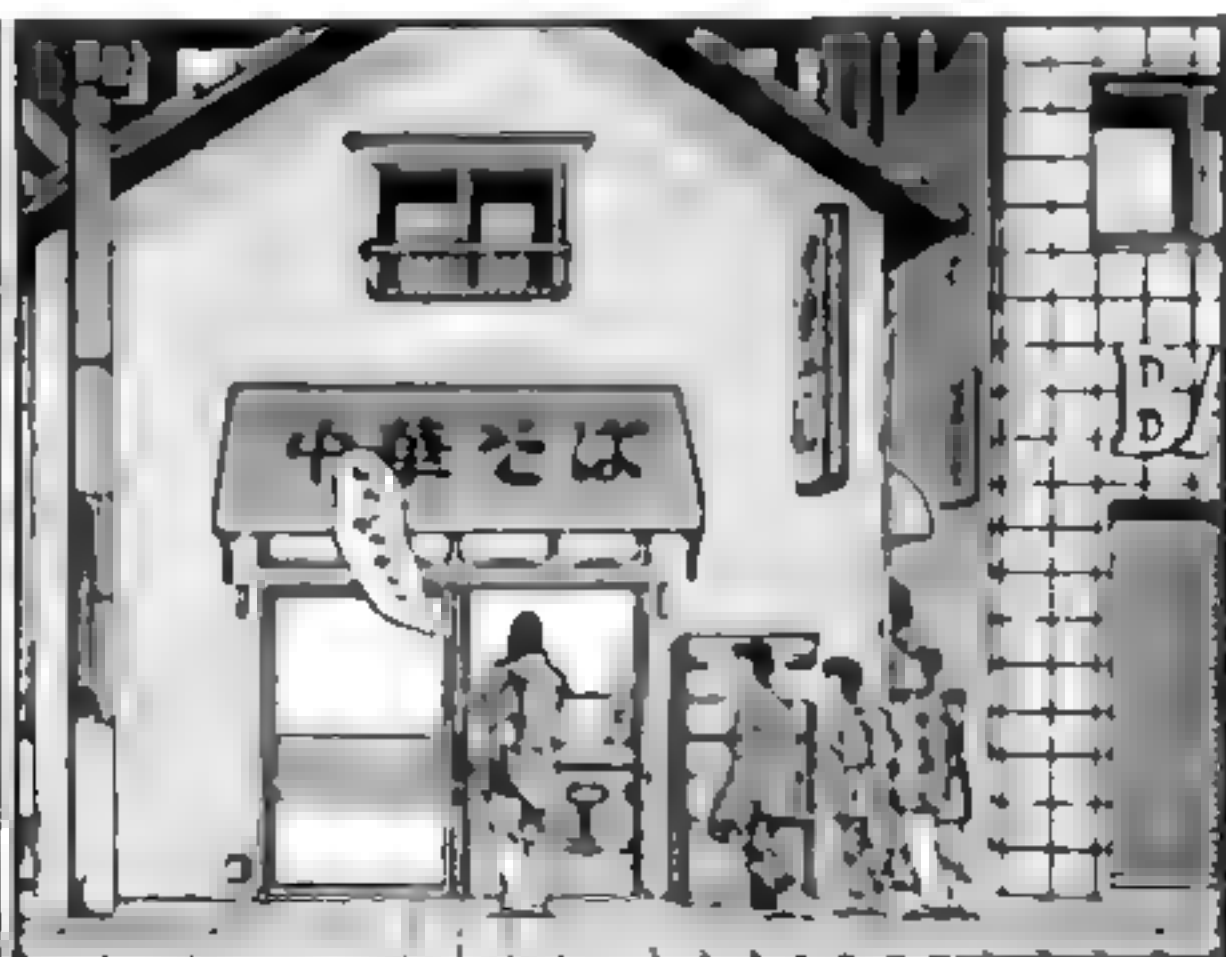


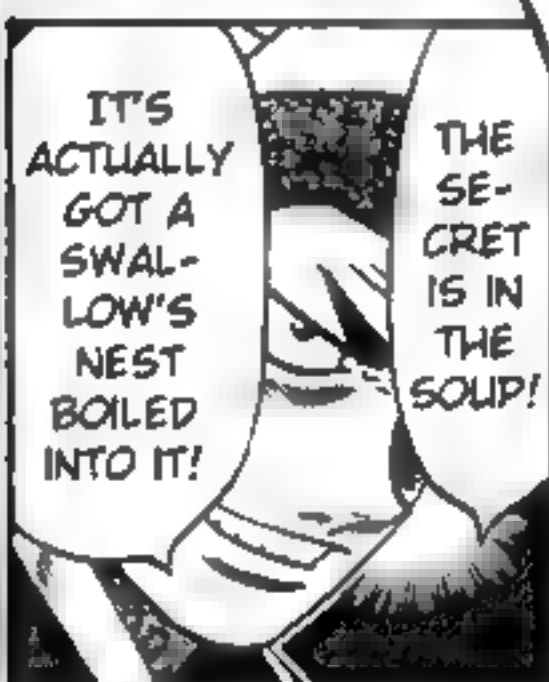
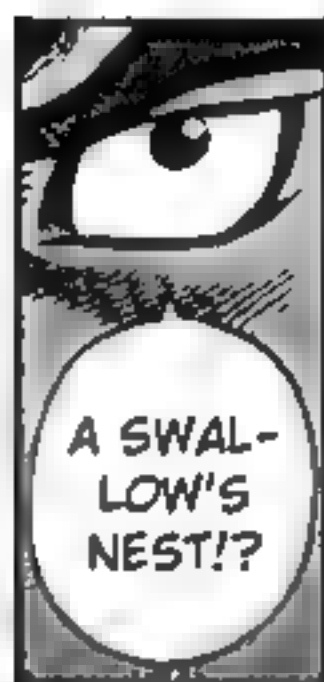
MAYBE  
HONE YOUR  
SENSES  
SO YOU  
CAN DETECT  
DANGER  
BETTER...













YOU  
BET IT IS,  
BUDDY!

IN  
TAKA-  
MURA'S,  
AT THE  
LEAST!



IS IT  
REALLY  
IN  
THERE!?

THAT'S A  
GOURMET  
INGRED-  
IENT!!



A LITTLE  
CLOSER.



CAN YOU  
REACH  
IT...!?

IT WAS  
A PAIN TO  
GET MY  
HANDS ON  
SOME.



SO TAKE  
A GOOD  
TASTE!

THE CONDUIT  
AMOUNTS  
OF BIRD'S  
INSIDE OF IT  
IT'S ALL  
THERE!



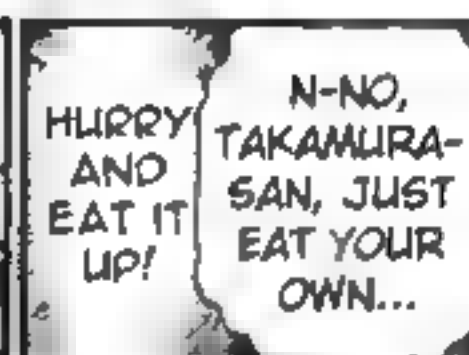
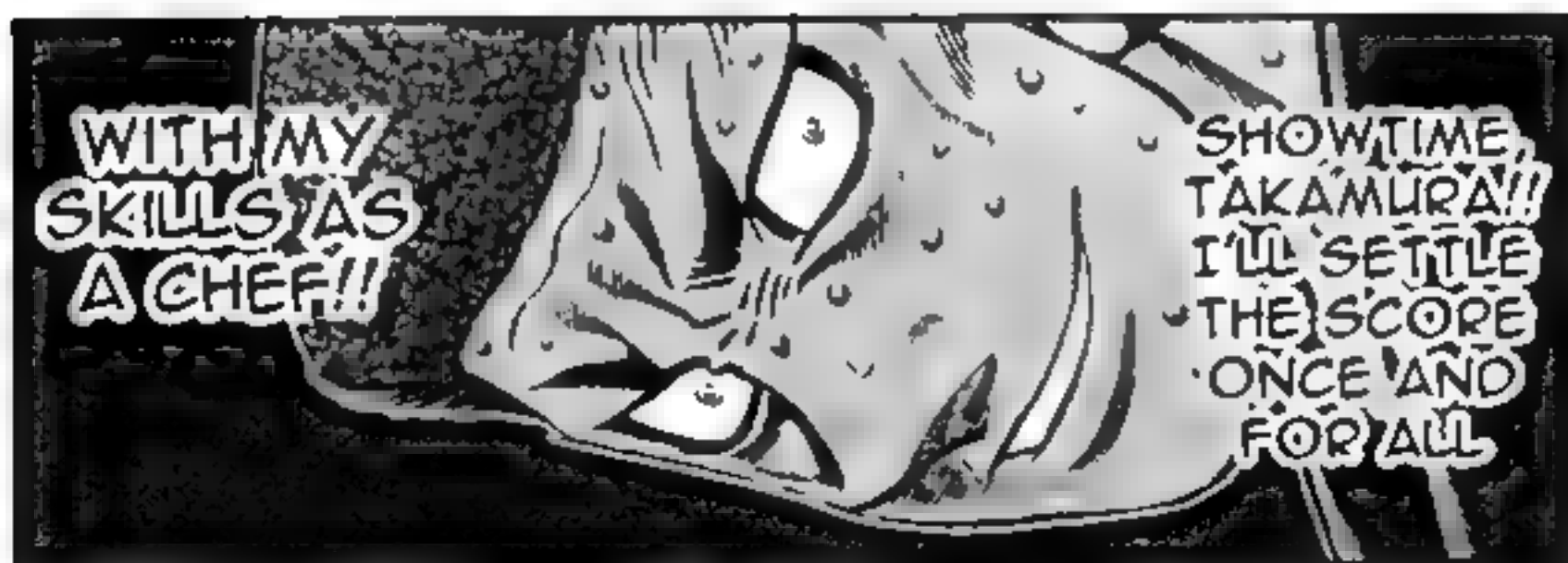
ARE YOU  
REALLY  
GOING TO  
FEED HIM  
A SPAR-  
ROW'S  
NEST?

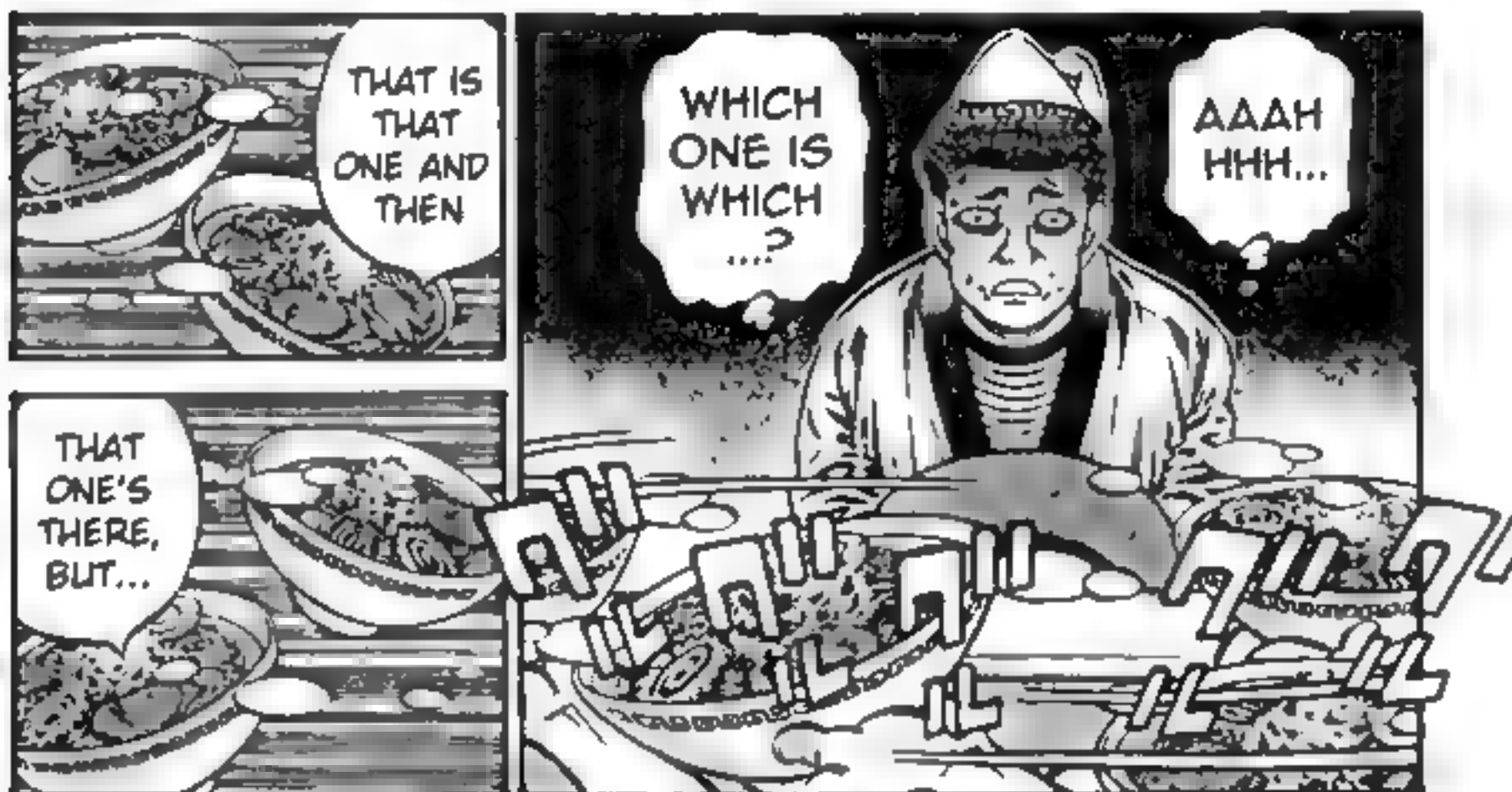


I'M  
AFTER  
WHAT'S  
INSIDE  
OF IT!

DON'T BE  
SO STUPID!  
THAT MIGHT  
ACTUALLY BE  
DELICIOUS.









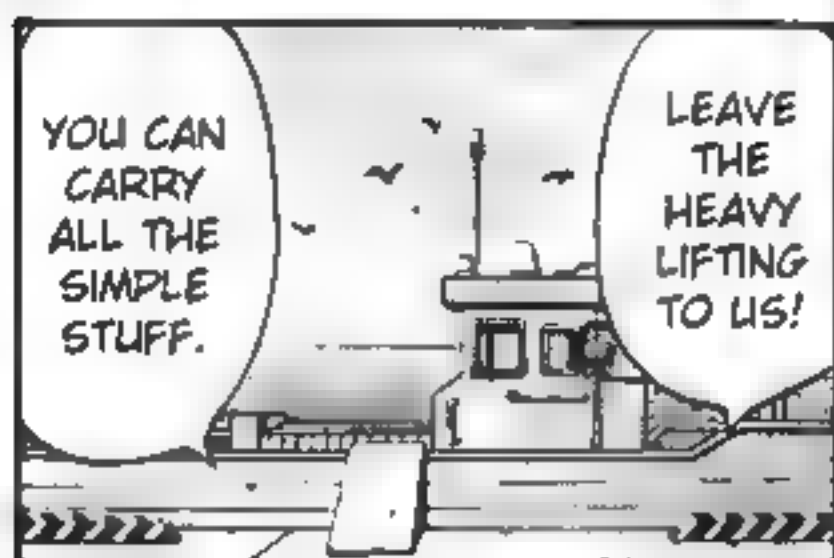




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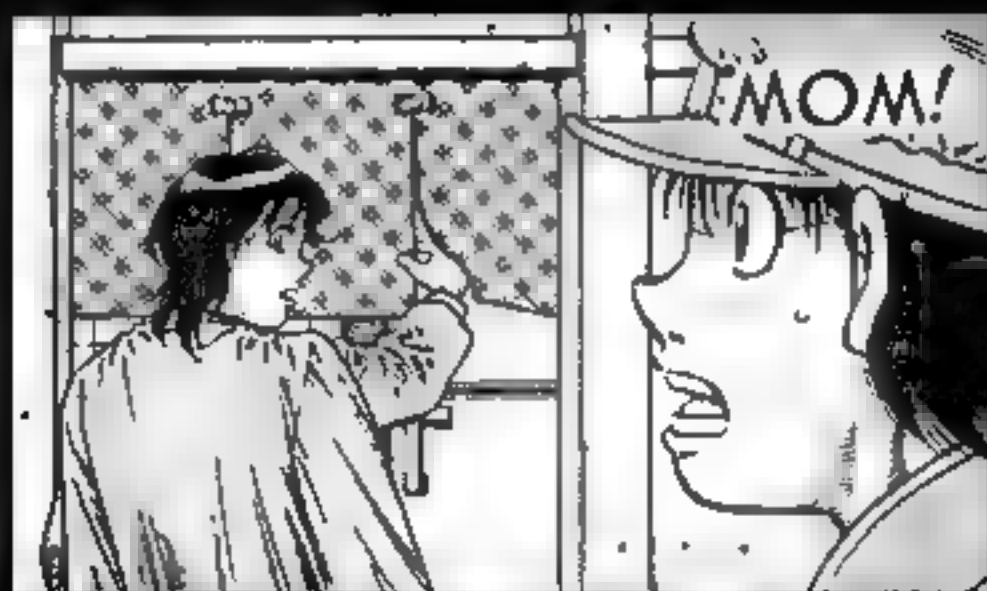
Round 720 Last Match





YOU NEED  
TO ENROLL  
RIGHT AWAY  
IN CASE YOU  
FIND SOME-  
THING ELSE  
YOU WANT  
TO DO!

THE  
FUTURE  
ISN'T  
DECIDED  
ALREADY,  
IS IT?!



NOT ENROLLING  
IN HIGH SCHOOL!?



I'M... WELL...



IF YOU'VE  
GOT TIME  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT THIS  
BUSINESS,  
THEN USE IT  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT YOUR  
FUTURE  
INSTEAD



DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
ANYTHING  
ELSE FOR  
NOW,  
OKAY?



DAD  
SAVED  
ME AND

MOM HAS  
PROTECTED  
ME ALL OF  
THIS TIME.



BUT I  
KNOW  
WHAT I  
WANT  
TO DO.

I'VE  
KNOWN  
SINCE I  
WAS A  
LITTLE  
KID!



AND I  
WANT TO  
DO IT AS  
SOON AS  
POSSIBLE!

I'M GOING  
TO TAKE  
OVER THIS  
BUSINESS

# 釣り船幕之内

TEL 0000-0000



SEE  
YOU AT  
THE GYM  
THEN!



YOU  
TOO,  
MA'AM!

GOOD  
WORK  
TODAY.



HE'S  
ALWAYS  
SO  
CHEER-  
FUL.











ARE YOUR  
GODDAMN  
BRAINS  
ROTTEN!?  
AHHH!?

THE  
FUCK'S  
UP WITH  
YOUR  
ATTITUDE,  
HUH!?

WEREN'T  
YOU AMAZED  
AFTER SEEING  
SOMETHING SO  
INCREDIBLE!?



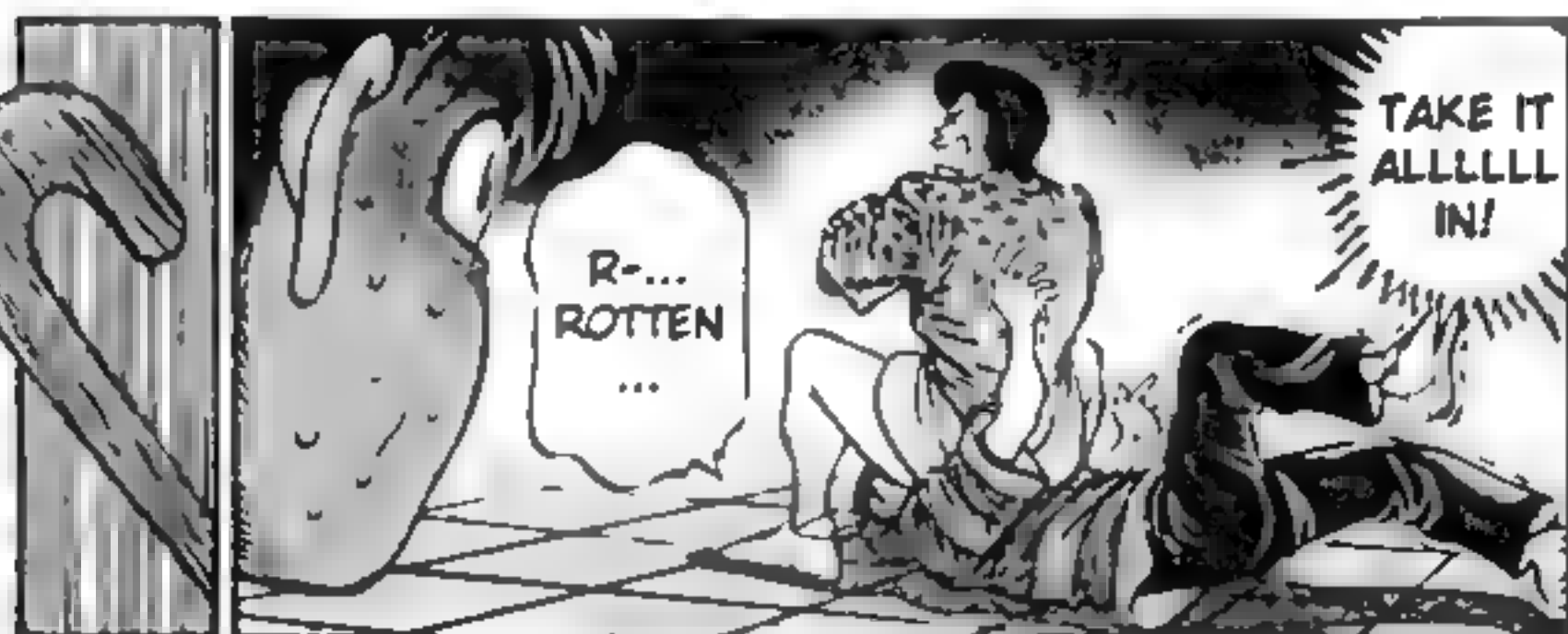
TAKE  
ANOTHER  
GOOD  
LOOK!



PUNKASS!



UGG  
GYA  
AAAA  
GH!



R-...  
ROTTEN  
...

TAKE IT  
ALLLLLL  
IN!



THANKS TO THAT,  
I GET THE FEELING  
THAT I'VE BECOME  
JUST A LITTLE  
BIT STRONGER

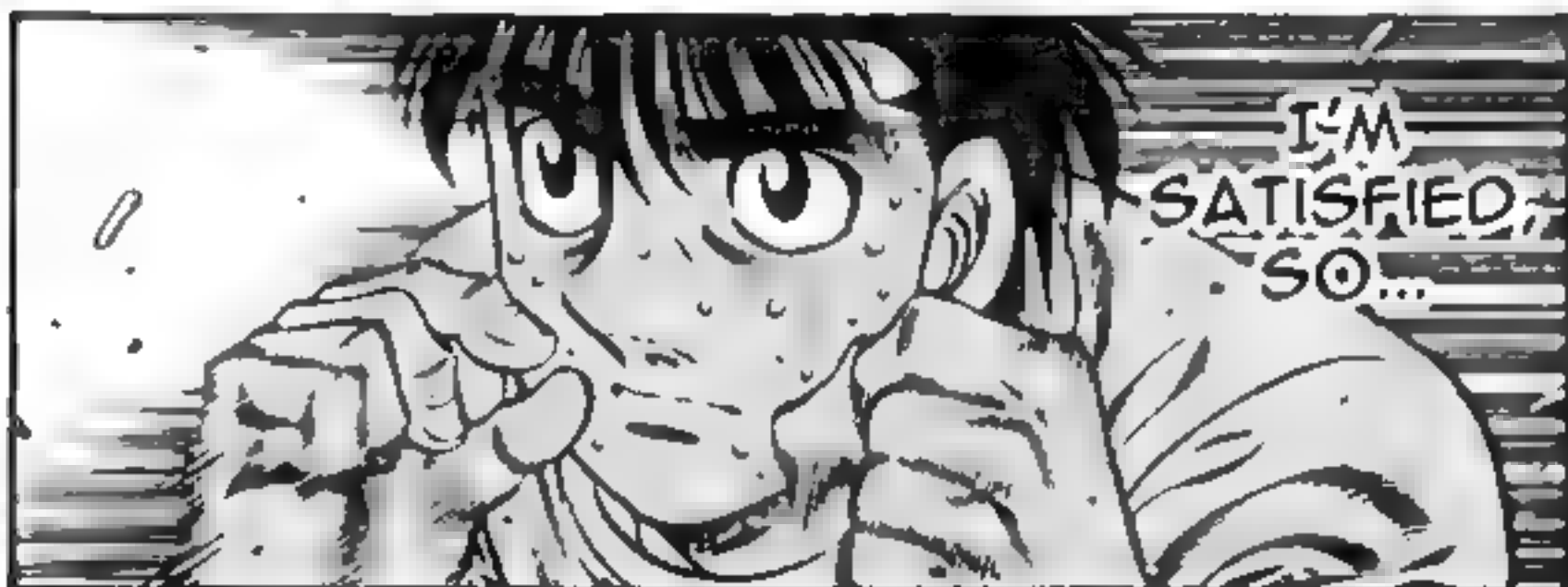
BUT EVEN SO,  
I'M GLAD TO  
HAVE STARTED  
BOXING

I'M SORRY  
TO HAVE  
BEEN SO  
SELFISH FOR  
SO LONG,



EVEN NOW, THE  
THINGS THAT  
HAVE HAPPENED  
TO ME SINCE  
I'VE BEEN IN  
THE RING SEEM  
LIKE A DREAM

I'D NEVER  
THOUGHT ABOUT  
BECOMING  
THE JAPANESE  
CHAMPION  
BEFORE...

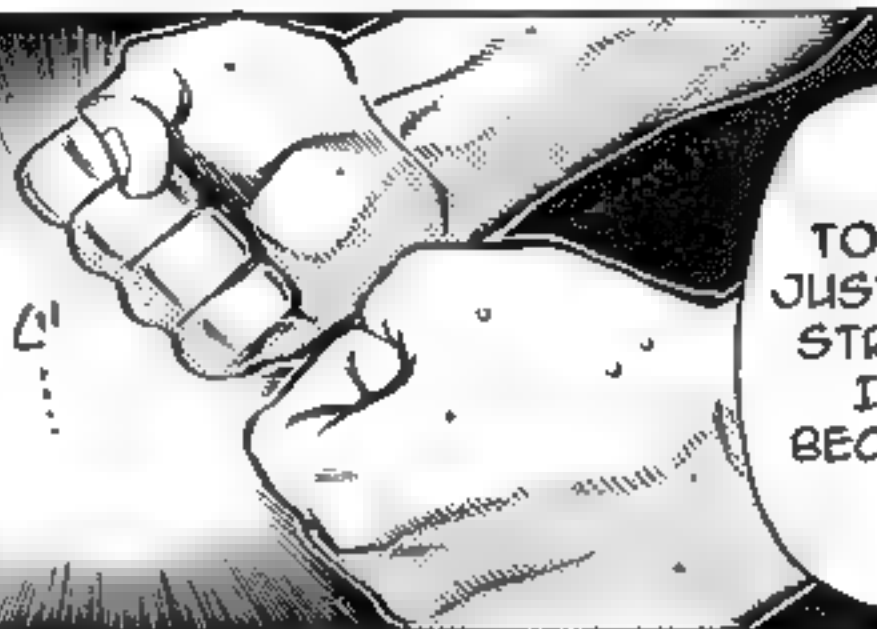


I'M  
SATISFIED,  
SO...

MY NEXT  
MATCH...  
WILL BE  
MY LAST  
MATCH!



BY FIGHTING  
MIYATA-KUN,  
WHO I  
IDOLIZE, I'LL  
SEE IF I CAN  
FIND THE  
ANSWER  
I'VE BEEN  
AFTER.



TO SEE  
JUST HOW  
STRONG  
I'VE  
BECOME.

I'M  
GOING  
TO USE  
EVERY-  
THING  
I'VE  
BUILT









# はじめての一步

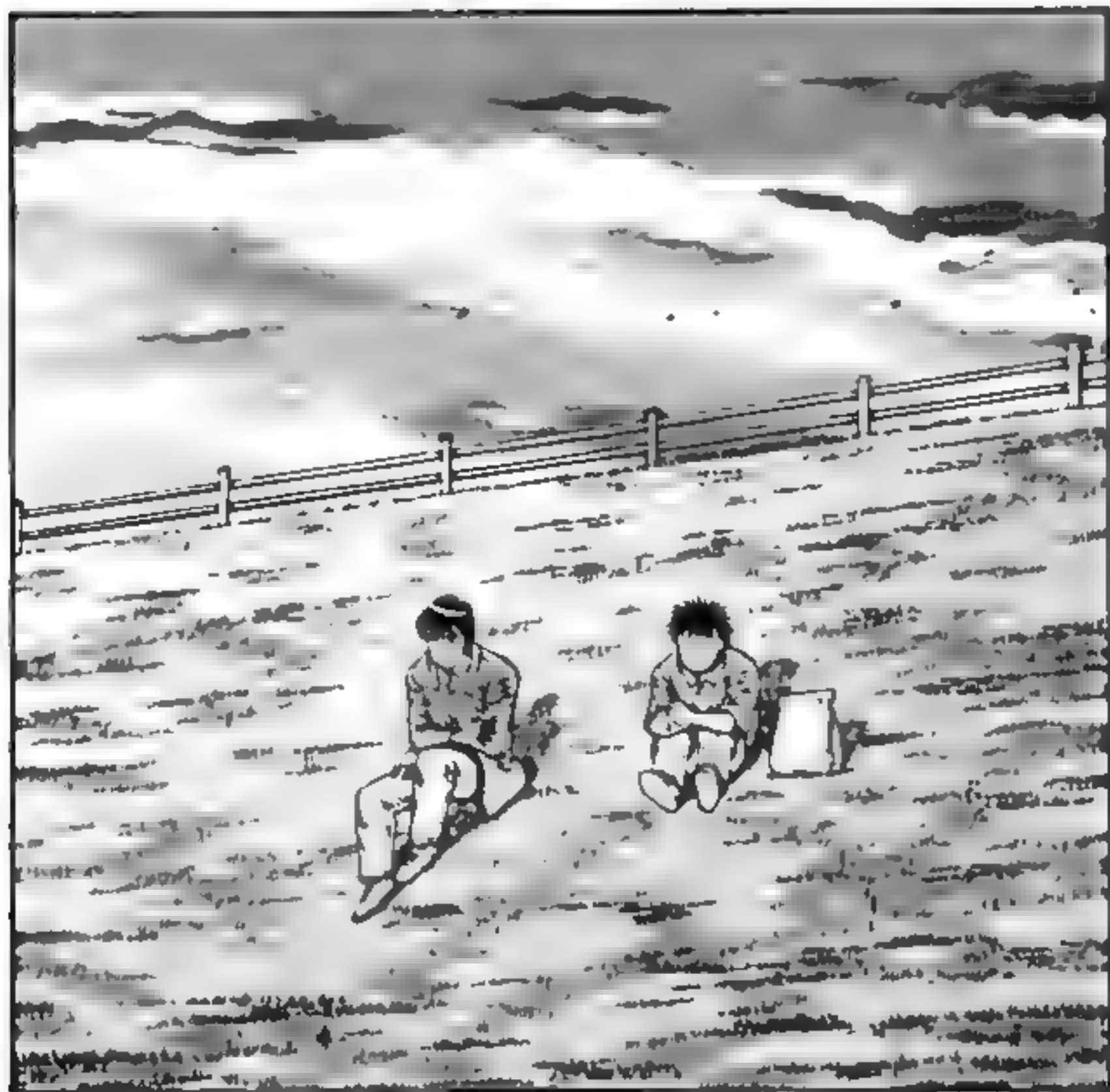




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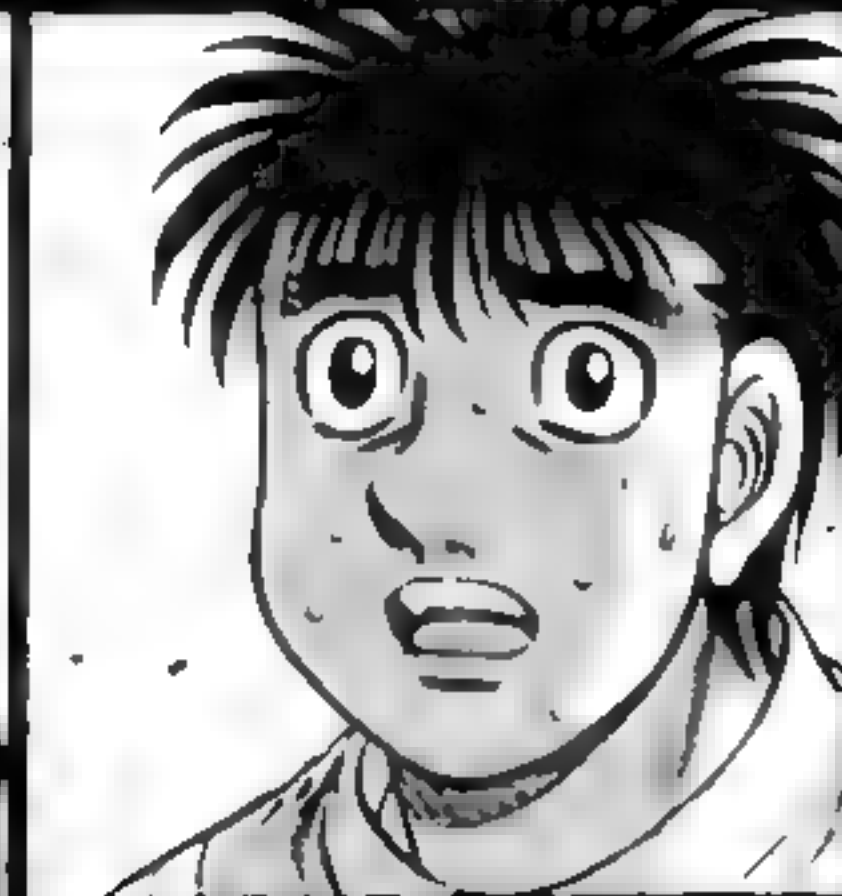
THE FIGHTING!

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TO SEE  
ME!?

Y-YOU  
CAME



WHAT  
WAS IT  
THAT  
YOU...

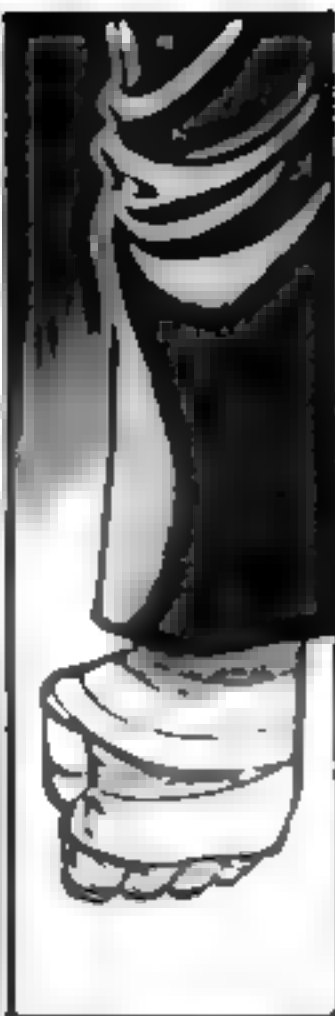
UH,  
WELL  
...



ARE THEY  
GOING TO  
BE READY  
IN TIME  
FOR THE  
MATCH!?

HOW ARE  
YOUR  
FRACTURES  
HEALING  
UP!?

TH-  
THAT'S  
RIGHT...  
YOUR  
HANDS  
ARE...







I'LL WAIT  
FOR AS  
LONG AS  
IT TAKES!



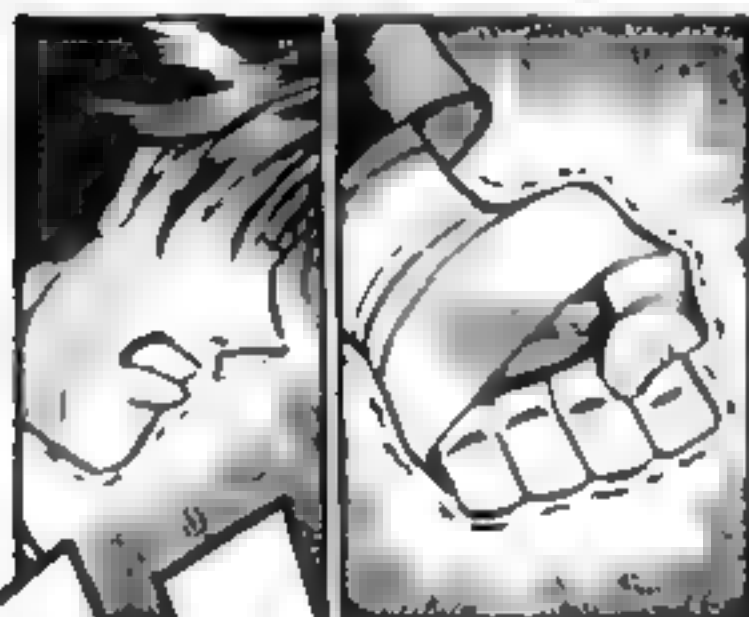
IT'S FINE!  
I'LL BE  
WAITING  
FOR YOU!!



AND WE'LL  
FIGHT IN  
THE BEST  
CONDITION  
POSSIBLE!!

LET THEM  
HEAL  
WITHOUT  
RUSHING  
IT

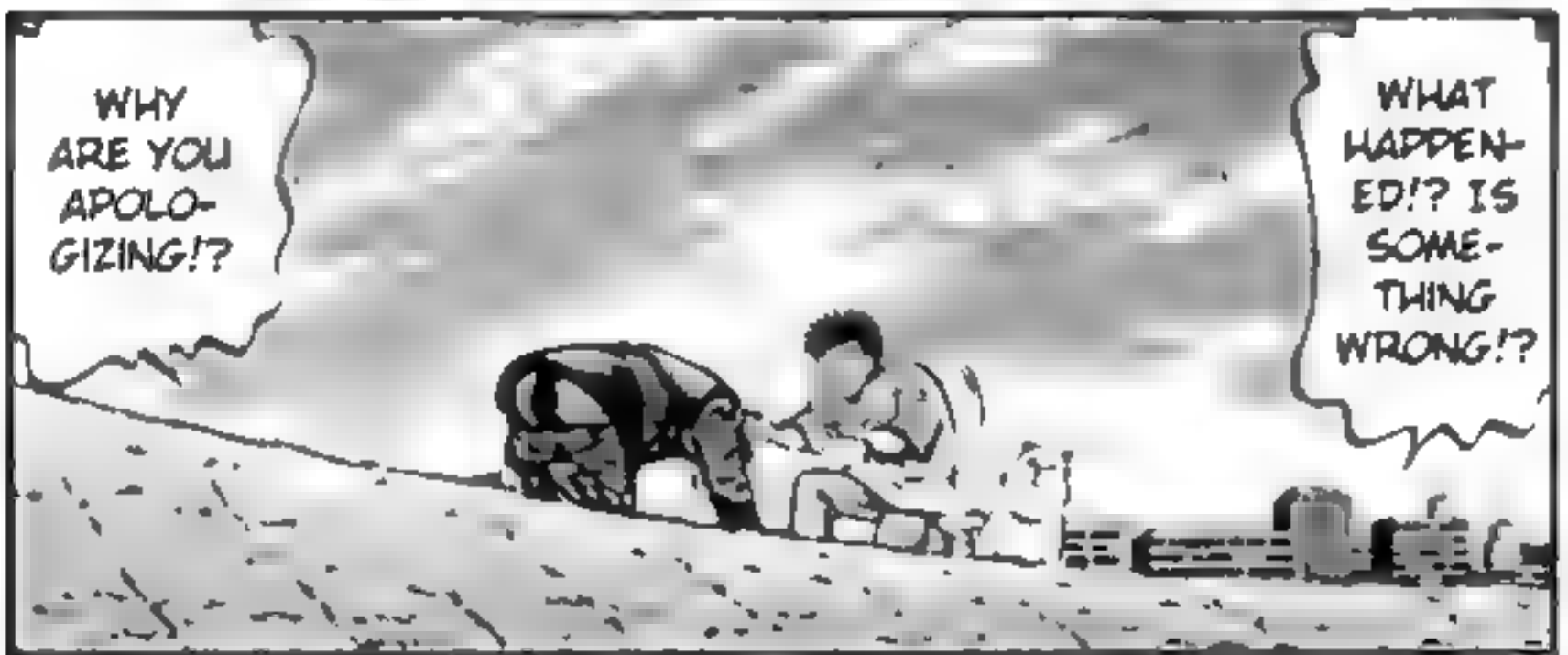
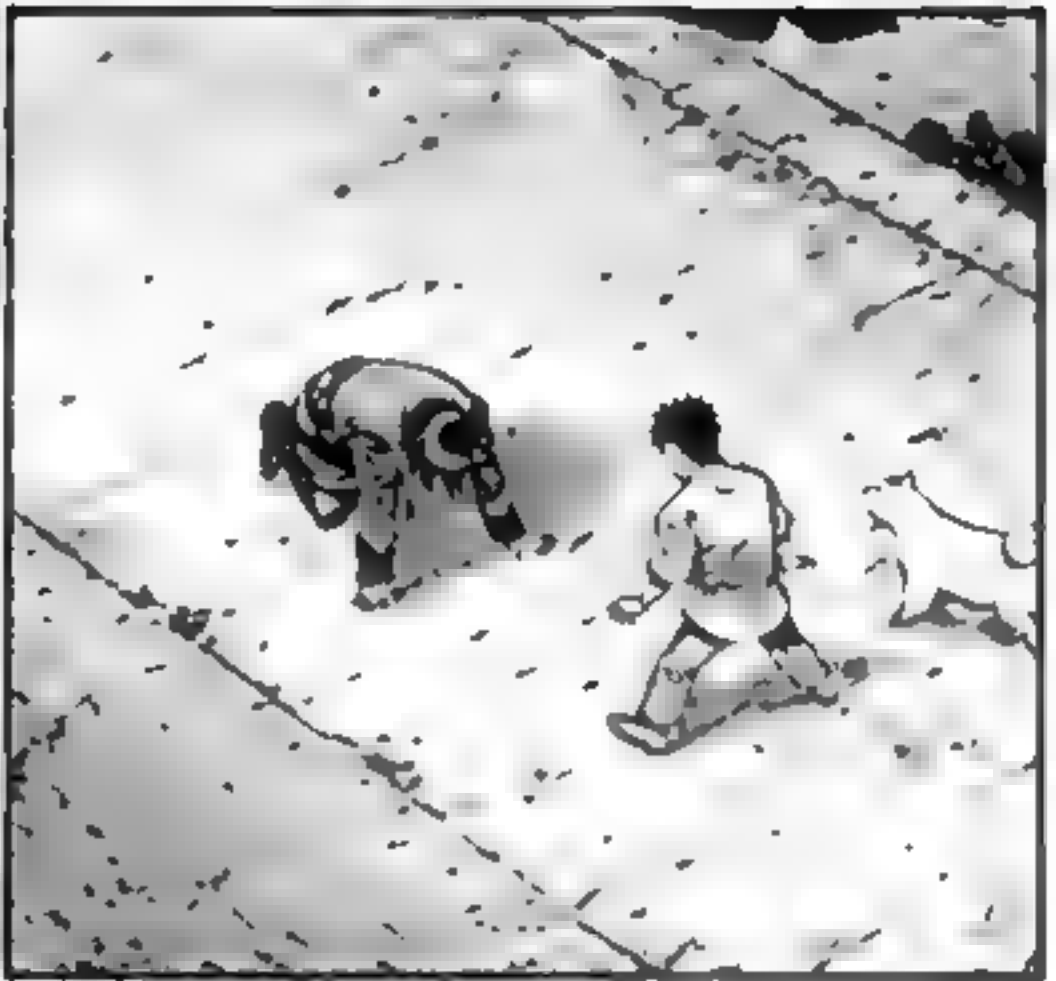














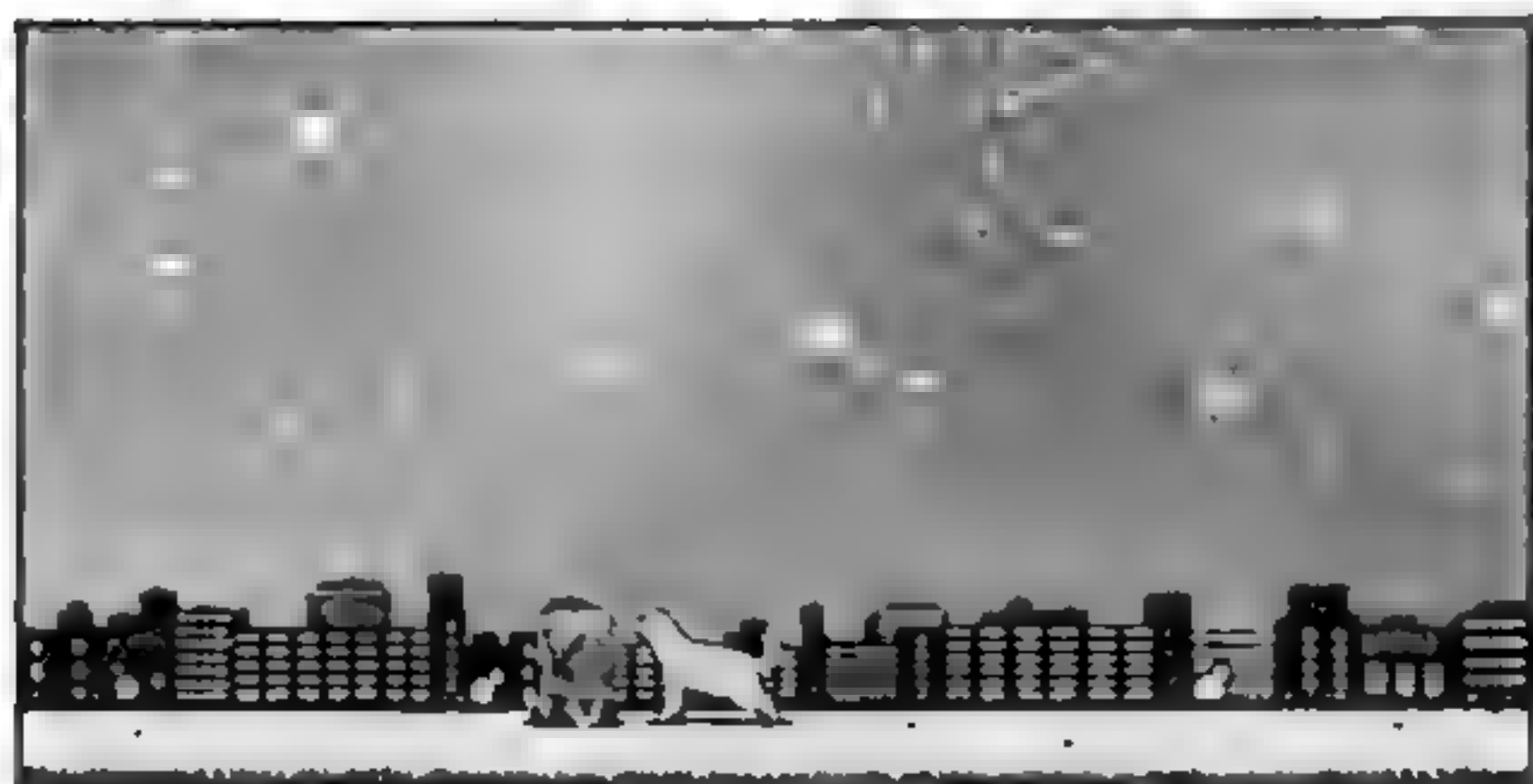
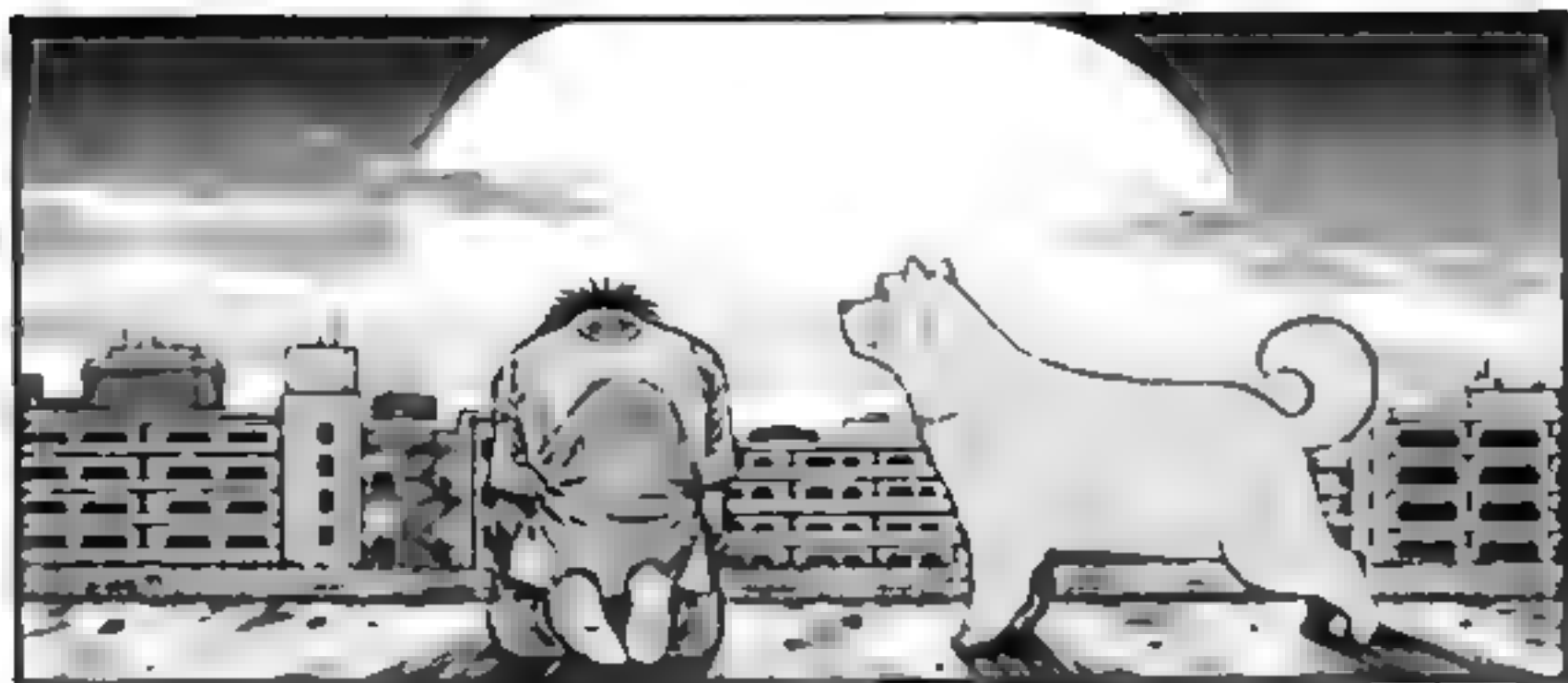


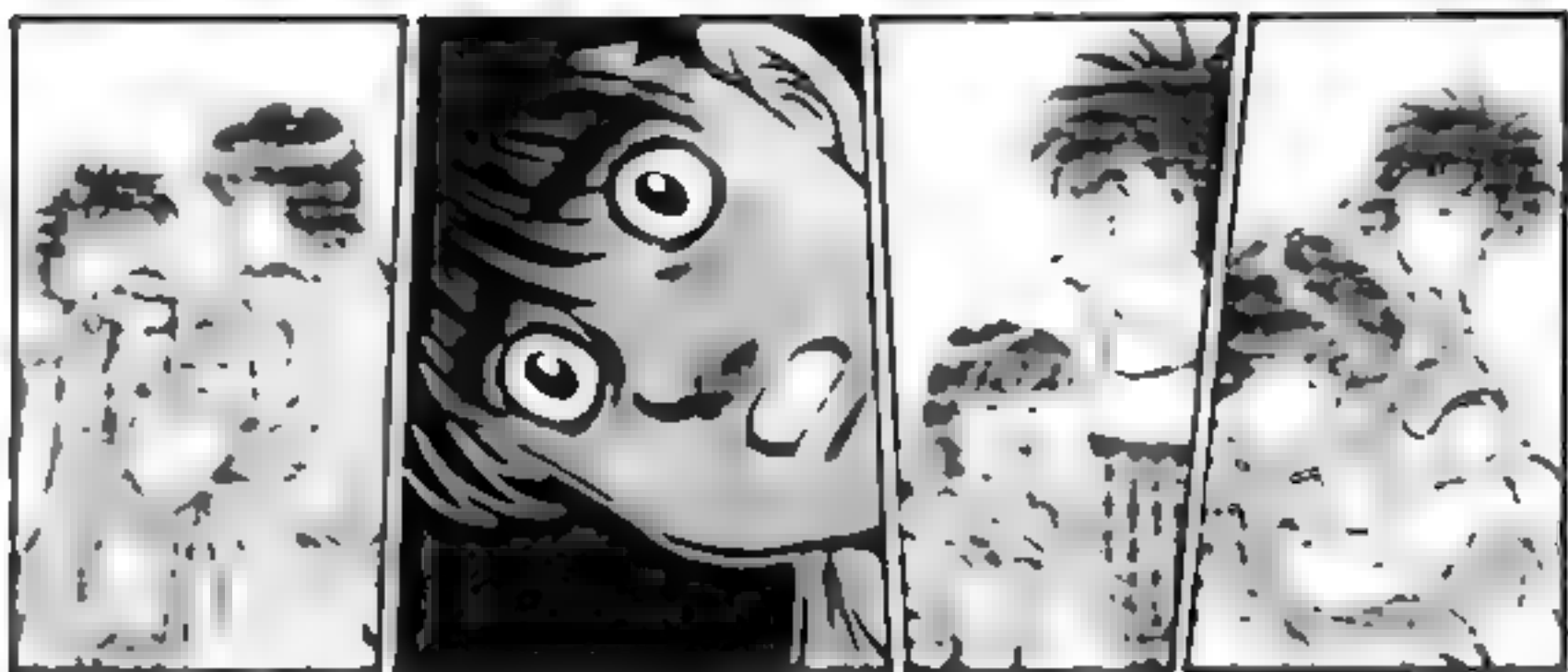




IT JUST  
WASN'T  
FATED.

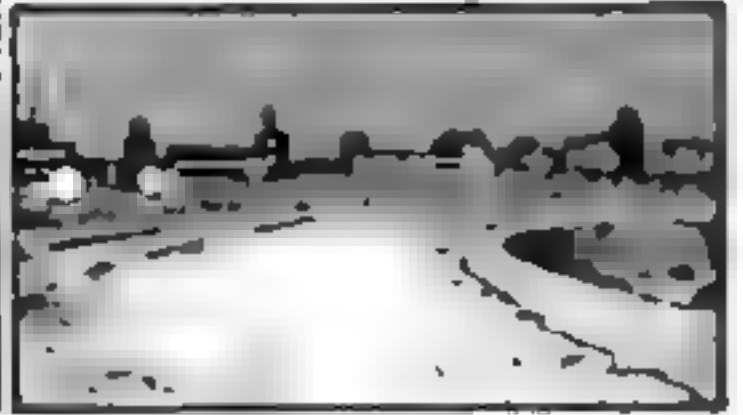












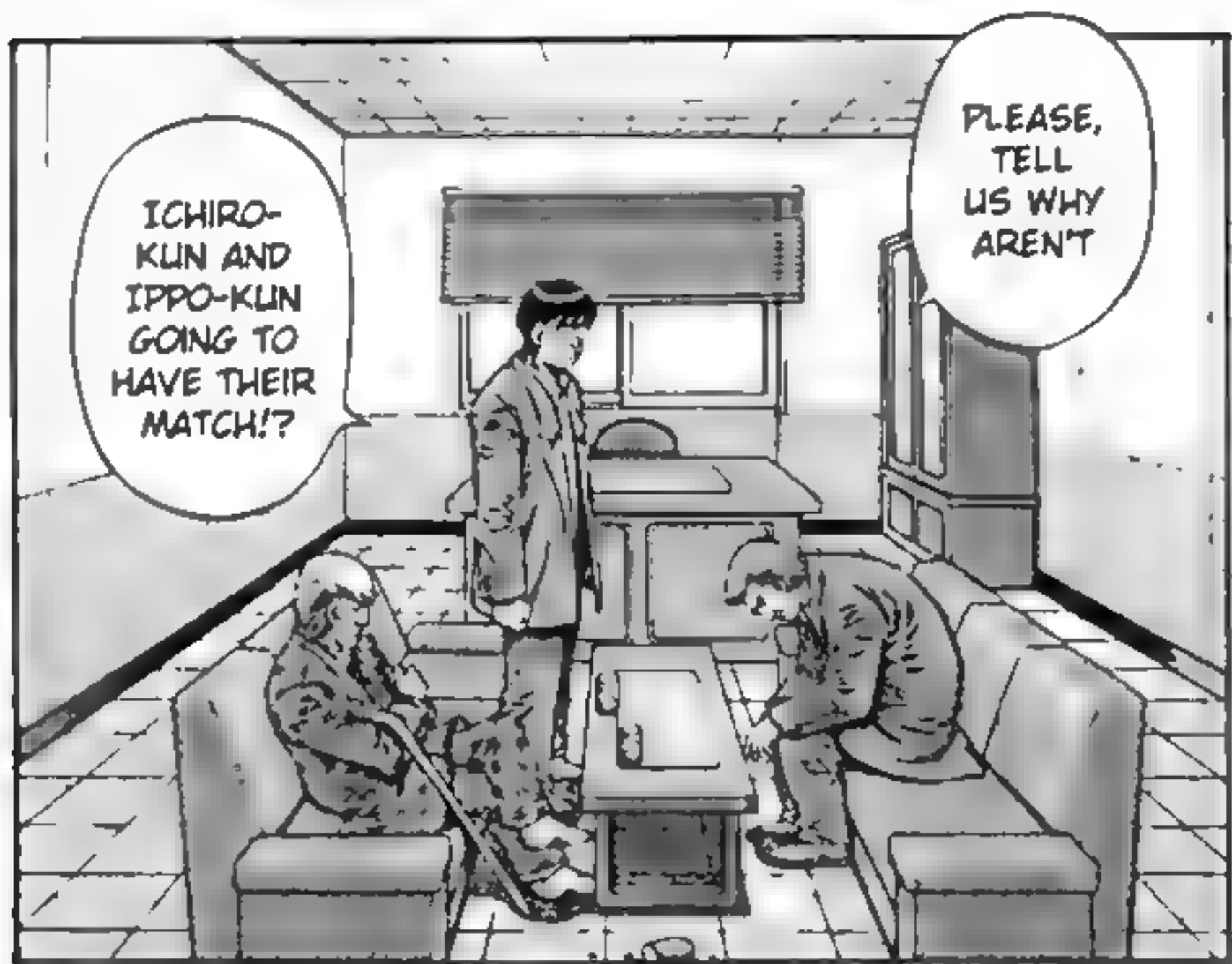


# はじめての 一歩 THE FIGHTING!

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ICHIRO-KUN AND  
IPPO-KUN  
GOING TO  
HAVE THEIR  
MATCH!?

PLEASE,  
TELL  
US WHY  
AREN'T



AND HAVE  
BEEN  
BASING  
OUR ENTIRE  
SCHEDULE  
AROUND  
THIS.

WE'VE  
ALREADY  
PREPARED  
TO RELIN-  
QUISH THE  
JAPANESE  
TITLE

ボクシング

NO OFFICIAL  
CONTRACTS  
WERE SIGNED,  
BUT I THOUGHT  
WHAT WE  
AGREED ON  
CONSTITUTED  
A GENUINE  
PROMISE.



GET ON  
WITH IT  
ALREADY  
...!!

CAN'T  
YOU AT  
LEAST  
EXPLAIN  
TO US  
WHY?

FOR YOU  
TO JUST  
REFUSE IS  
TOO ONE-  
SIDED.









DON'T  
SHOW  
YOUR FACE  
AROUND  
HERE  
AGAIN.

WE'RE  
CUTTING  
ALL TIES  
TO YOU  
TWO.



EX-  
CUSE  
ME

WELL  
THEN



WHENEVER  
IPPO GROWS  
OVER THE  
COURSE OF  
HIS MATCHES,  
HE GETS THIS  
LOOK ON HIS  
FACE

THE OLD  
MAN DOES  
THINK OF IPPO  
LIKE A SON  
AFTER ALL,  
I MEAN







A LITTLE  
EXTEN-  
SION AIN'T  
GONNA  
MATTER.

HE'S  
BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR  
ALMOST  
A YEAR  
NOW.

BT IT'S ACTUALLY ONLY BEEN A LITTLE OVER HALF A YEAR



TO ICHIRO,  
IT'S BEEN  
YEARS  
NOW...

IT'S  
NOT  
JUST  
A  
YEAR.



IPPO  
WON'T  
MIND THE  
WAIT,  
AFTER  
ALL...

SO WHAT  
ABOUT  
THE MATCH  
AFTER  
THE TITLE  
FIGHT?

BT AGAIN AND IT'S BEEN ALMOST SIX YEARS AND COUNTING SINCE IPPO AND MIYATA PROMISED TO SETTLE THINGS INSIDE THE DOL RING



THERE'S  
NO WAY  
HE COULD  
POSSIBLY  
ASK HIM TO  
WAIT ANY  
LONGER.

HE'S BEEN  
WAITING EVER  
SINCE HE  
WASN'T ABLE  
TO MAKE THE  
EAST JAPAN  
ROOKIE KING  
FINALS.

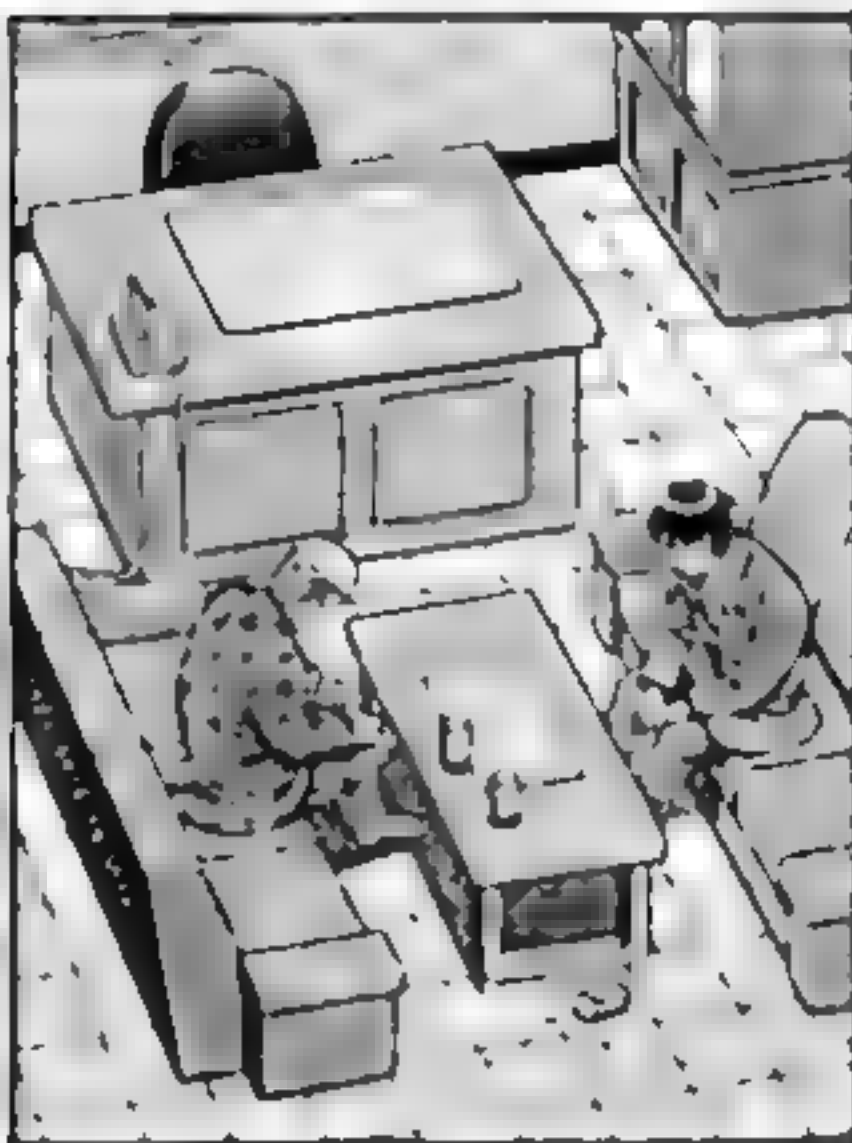


COACH  
KAMOGAWA  
DIDN'T  
EVEN NEED  
TO SEVER  
ANYTHING...



THEIR  
SCHEDULES  
BOTH  
MATCHING  
UP IS  
EXTREMELY  
SMALL.

AND  
AS  
TWO  
MEN  
HOLDING  
TITLES...



THOSE TWO





WEREN'T  
FATED TO  
MEET...













I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT.

HMM ...



HE'S NOT THAT KIND OF MAN...

MIYATA-SAN DOESN'T CHICKEN OUT!



WE JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THE REASON THAT WAS GIVEN TO US.

SO SUZUKI... IF YOU HEAR ANYTHING, COULD YOU TELL US?



SO I KNOW THAT HE WAS...

I'VE WATCHED MAKINOUCHI-SENPAI CLOSELY FOR A LONG TIME NOW AND I COULD FEEL HIS PASSION TOWARDS THIS MATCH.



THAT SENPAI



BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL OF SENPAI'S YEARS OF PENT UP FEELINGS NOW...?

AND MAYBE STUFF LIKE THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME,

THERE MAY BE NO HELPING THAT THE MATCH DIDN'T HAPPEN

WAS CONSIDERING RETIRING.







HOW'S  
THE OLD  
MAN?

ボクシングジム

I'M SURE  
HE FEELS  
THE SAME  
FRUSTRA-  
TION THAT  
IPPO-KUN  
DOES.

HE WAS  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT AS  
MUCH AS  
ANYONE  
ELSE.

OKAY

HE SAID  
HE WAS  
GOING OUT  
TO COOL  
OFF.

WHAT  
GOOD'S  
GETTING  
UPSET  
GONNA  
DO?

HMPH ...

SO  
WHAT  
ARE  
THOSE  
TWO

GONNA  
DO  
NOW?

THAT  
THING  
HAS  
AND NOW

DISAP-  
PEARED  
WITHOUT  
A TRACE.

THEY BOTH  
WERE  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO THE  
SAME  
THING.

IT CAN'T  
BE HELPED  
SINCE IPPO'S  
GOALS ARE  
THE COACH'S  
AS WELL.



# はじめての THE FIGHTING 一歩



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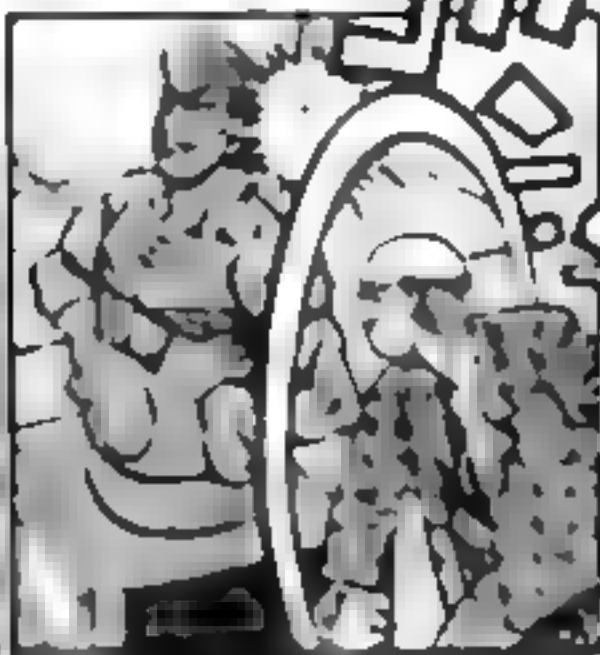
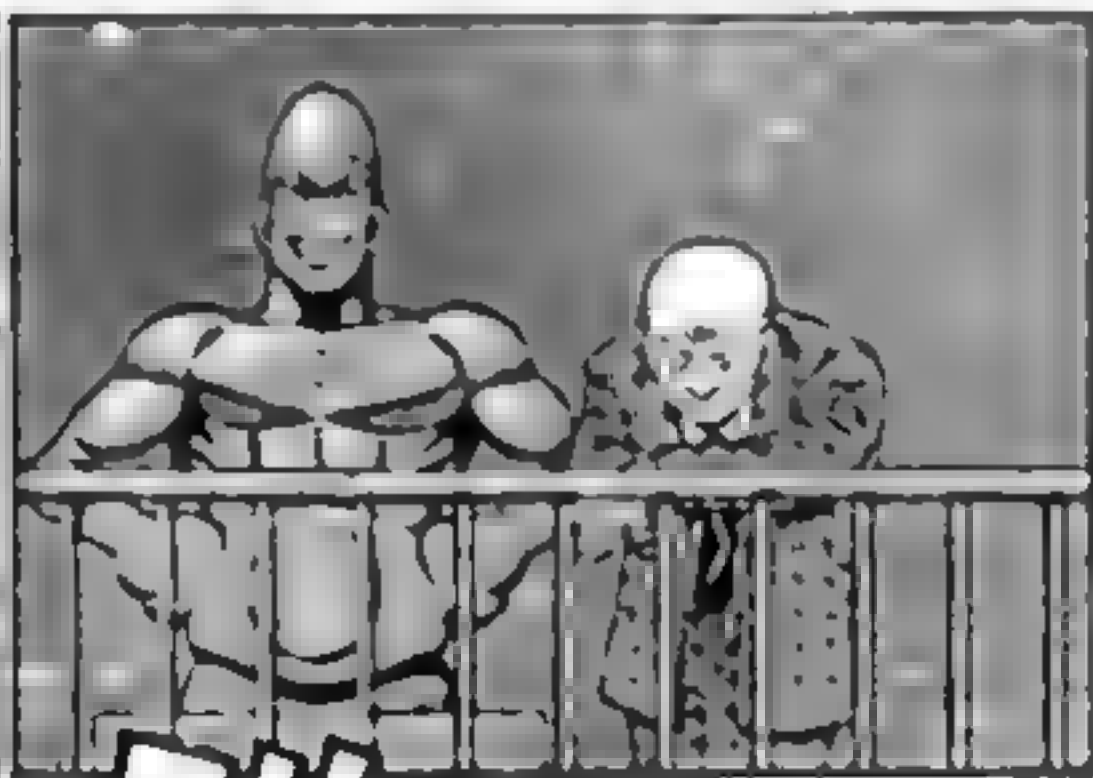
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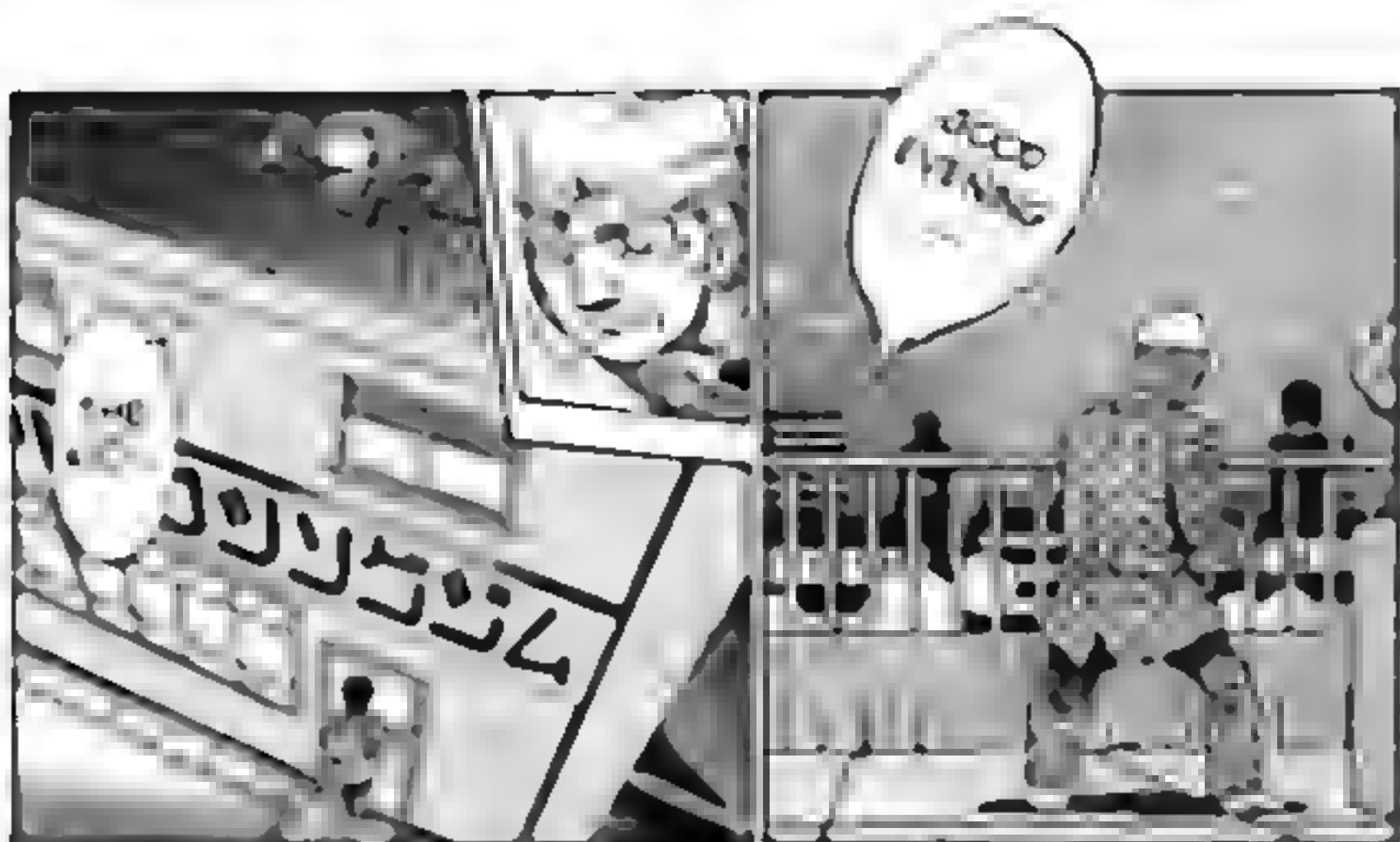
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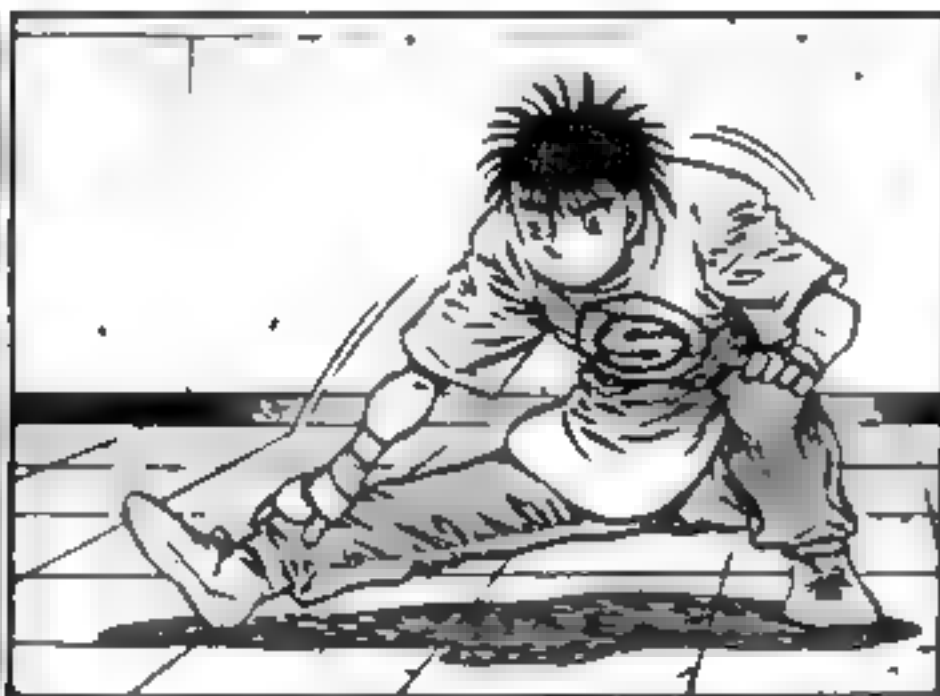
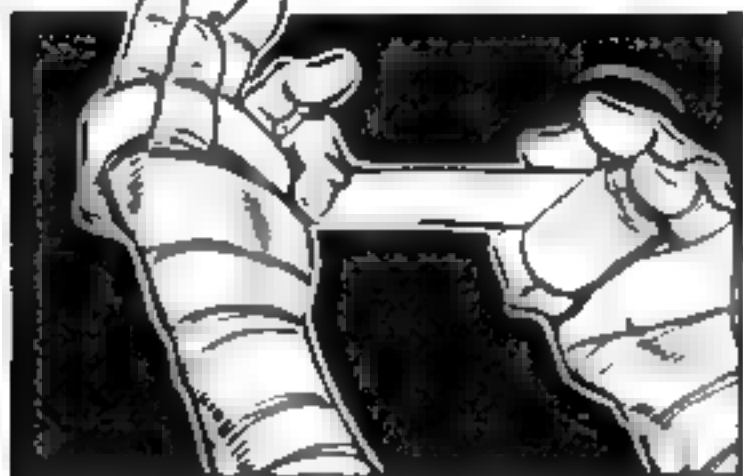


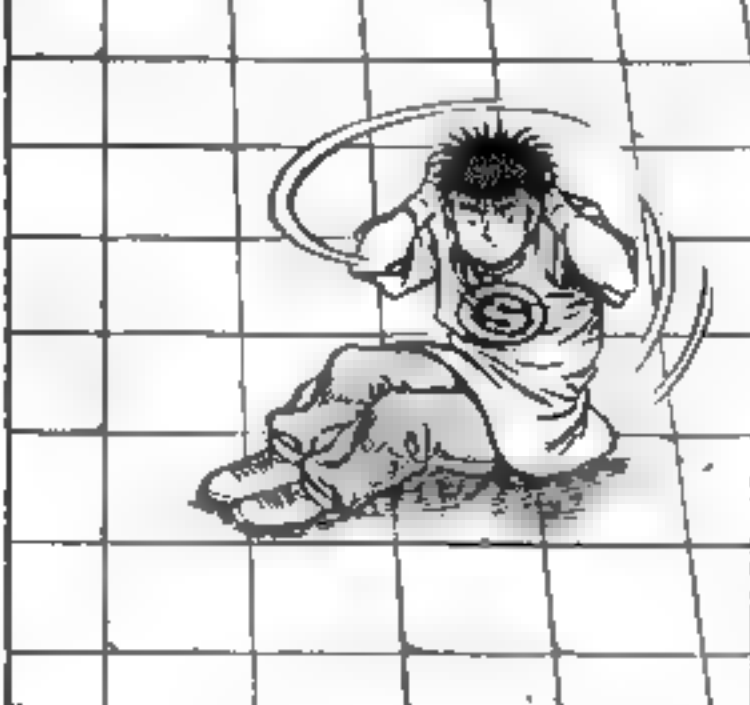


LOOKING  
LIKE HE  
DIDN'T  
HAVE A  
CAGE IN  
THE DAMN  
WORLD

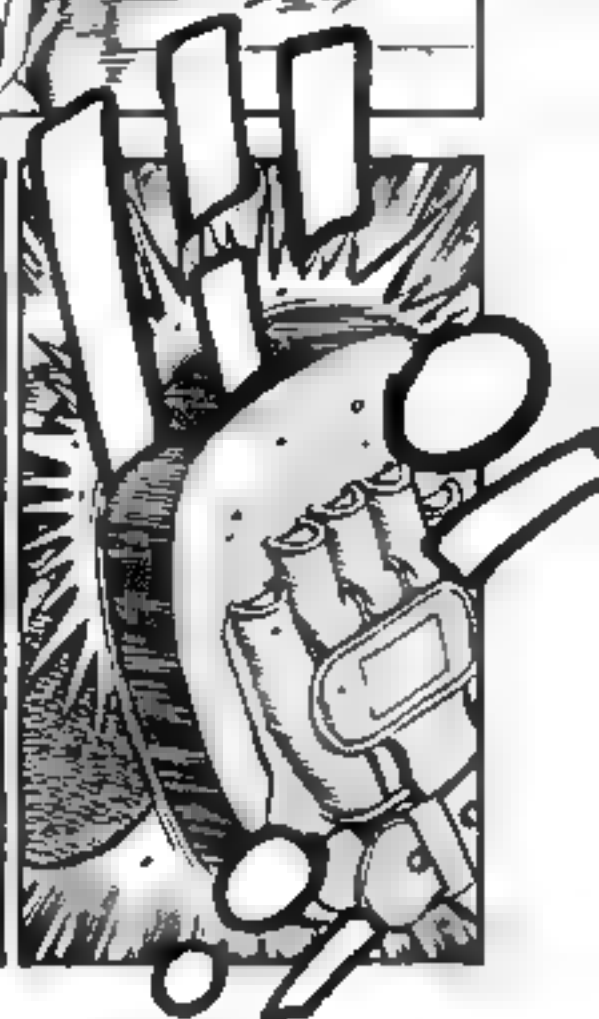
GOD  
DAMN  
IT..















HE'S TRYING TO MAKE IPPO MOVE AND SWEAT ENOUGH THAT HE FORGETS ABOUT IT.

THE FACT HE'S BEING SO HARD ON HIM IS PROOF OF IT.

I BET HE DOES

THE COACH KNOWS, DOESN'T HE?

...

OLD MAN WANTS TO FORGET HIMSELF TOO...

YES, SIR!

MOVE IT!

KEEP IT SHARP!



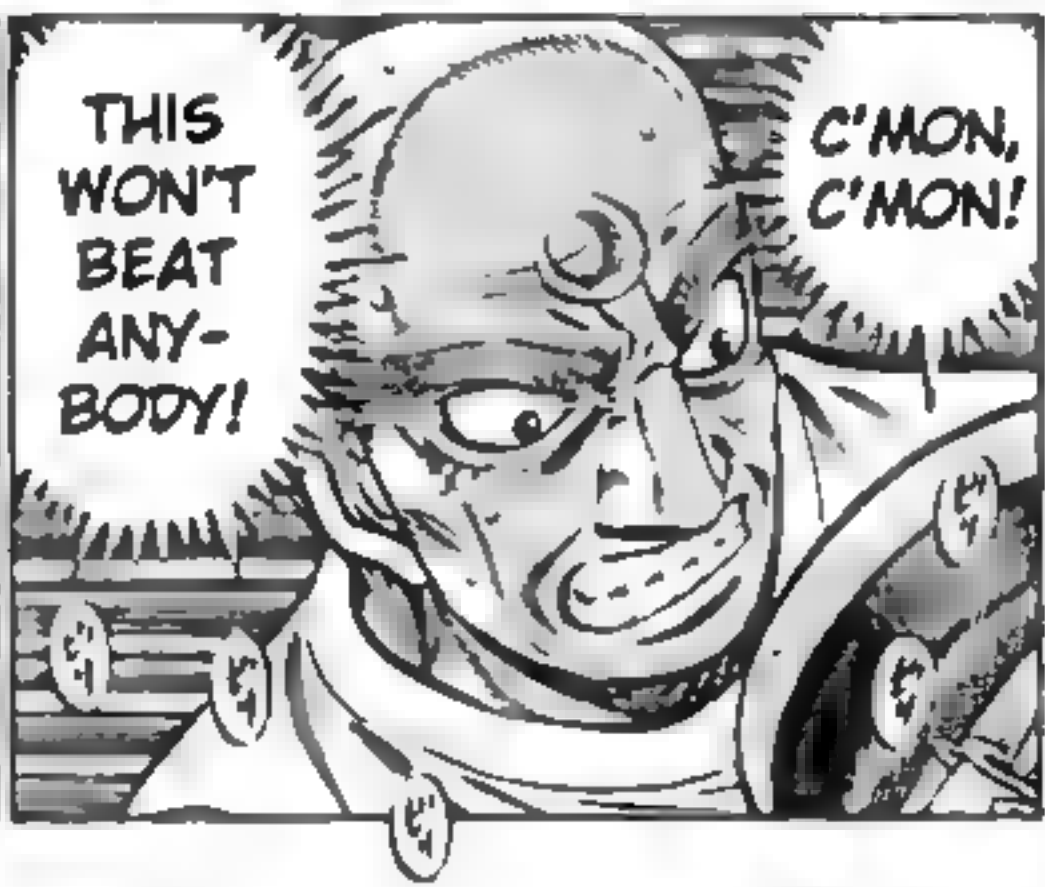
HE'S A  
TRUE  
BOXER  
DOWN  
TO THE  
CORE.

SO EVEN  
WHEN HE'S  
DEPRESSED  
HIS BODY  
MOVES OF  
ITS OWN  
WILL. END



HE'S  
START-  
ING TO  
SOUND  
LIKE HE  
USUALLY  
DOES.

OOH, HIS  
ENGINE'S  
STARTING  
TO TURN  
OVER!



THIS  
WON'T  
BEAT  
ANY-  
BODY!

C'MON,  
C'MON!

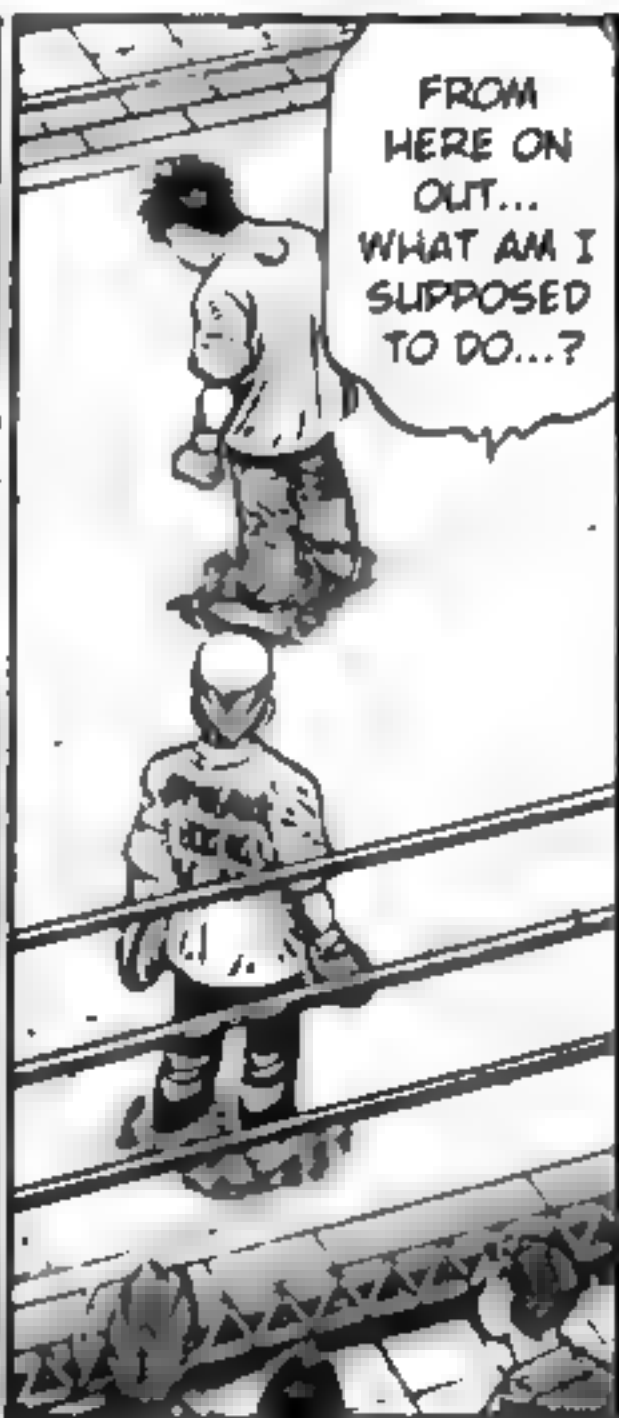
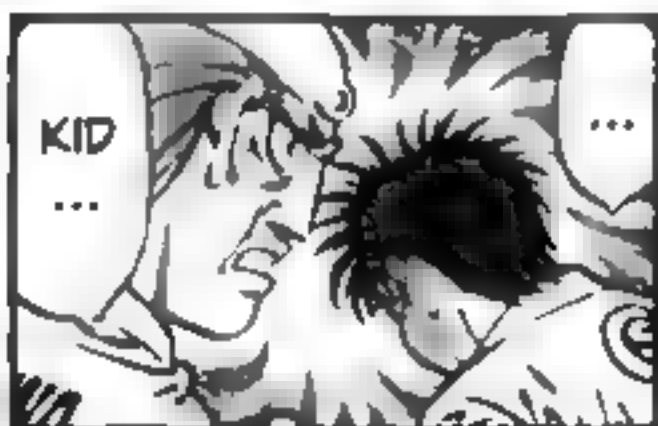
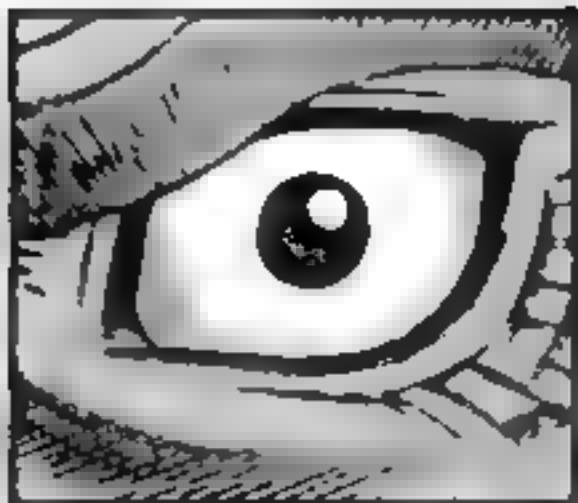






WHO AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO BEAT?









BUT,  
KID...



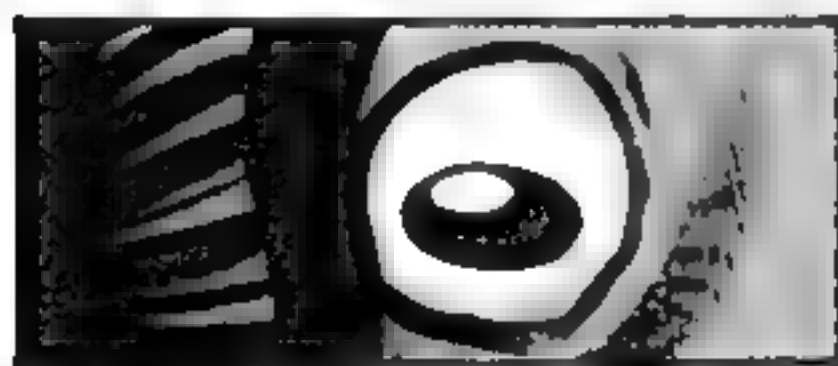
AND  
I CAN  
UNDER-  
STAND  
HOW YOU  
FEEL,

I KNOW  
THAT YOU'RE  
PREOCCUPIED  
WITH MIYATA  
RIGHT NOW



YOU  
SHOULD  
ALREADY  
KNOW THE  
ANSWER  
TO THAT.

WHY ARE YOU  
PUNCHING?  
WHAT ARE YOU  
CHASING?



YOU CAN'T  
LET THIS  
SLOW YOU  
DOWN!

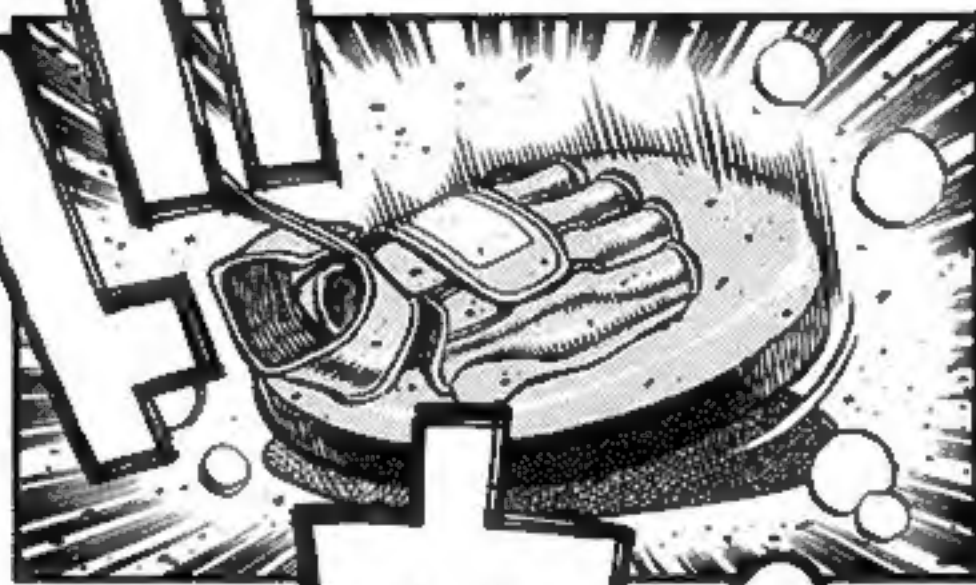
THAT'S  
ALWAYS  
BEEN THE  
PRIMARY  
MOTIVATION  
YOU'VE  
WORKED  
WITH.



TO  
BECOME  
STRONG  
!!









GET THE  
HELL  
OUT!!

C-  
COA-  
CH!



THINK YOU  
CAN BOX  
STARING  
DOWN AT  
YOUR FEET,  
HUH!?

I DON'T  
NEED A  
FIGHTER  
LIKE  
THAT!



YO!

SE-  
SEN-  
PAI!



TO  
REACH  
THAT  
GOAL.

DIDN'T  
TAKE  
YOU TOO  
LONG





